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On January 3, 2017, pursuant to H. Res. 6, Chairman Rob Bishop of Utah was elected to the Committee.

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On January 11, 2017, pursuant to H. Res. 45, Minority (Democrat) Members (10) were elected to the Committee.

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On January 13, 2017, pursuant to H. Res. 52, Minority (Democrat) Members (6) were elected to the Committee.

On February 7, 2017, pursuant to H. Res. 95, Rep. Wm. Lacy Clay of Missouri was elected to the Committee.

On June 27, 2017, Rep. David Rouzer of North Carolina resigned from the Committee.

On June 27, 2017, pursuant to H. Res. 410, Rep. Greg Gianforte of Montana was elected to the Committee.

On July 12, 2017, Rep. Jimmy Panetta of California resigned from the Committee.

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On January 16, 2018, Rep. Darin LaHood of Illinois resigned from the Committee.

On January 30, 2018, pursuant to H. Res. 719, Rep. John R. Curtis of Utah was elected to the Committee.

On April 12, 2018, Rep. Norma J. Torres of California resigned from the Committee.

On April 17, 2018, pursuant to H. Res. 833, Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez of New York was elected to the Committee.

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,  
*January 2, 2019.*

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives,*  
*The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MS. HAAS: In accordance with rule XI 1(d)(1) of the House of Representatives, I hereby submit the Report on the Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources for the 115th Congress.

This report summarizes the specific activities of the Committee with respect to its legislative and oversight responsibilities, and encompasses the period of January 3, 2017, through January 2, 2019. Also contained herein is a submission from the Democratic Ranking Member, Mr. Raúl Grijalva, which states “Dissenting Views”.

Sincerely,

ROB BISHOP,  
*Chairman.*



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Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Natural Resources,  
submitted the following

### R E P O R T

together with

### DISSENTING VIEWS

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#### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

The Committee on Natural Resources met on February 7, 2017, for an organizational meeting of the 115th Congress under the direction of Chairman Rob Bishop of Utah. The Committee membership was 43 Members with 25 Republicans and 18 Democrats.

The Committee established five subcommittees: Energy and Mineral Resources (Paul A. Gosar of Arizona, Chairman); Federal Lands (Tom McClintock of California, Chairman); Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs (Doug LaMalfa of California, Chairman); Oversight and Investigations (Raúl R. Labrador of Idaho, Chairman); and Water, Power and Oceans (Doug Lamborn of Colorado, Chairman).

#### STATISTICAL OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

##### LEGISLATIVE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED:

House Bills .....	730
House Resolutions .....	40
House Concurrent Resolutions .....	6
House Joint Resolutions .....	23
Senate Bills .....	33
Total Number of Legislative Bills and Resolutions Referred .....	832

COMMITTEE MEETING DAYS:	
Full Committee .....	46
Oversight: 13 Legislative: 2 Markup: 30 Organizational: 1	
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources .....	30
Oversight: 15 Legislative: 15	
Subcommittee on Federal Lands .....	28
Oversight: 6 Legislative: 22	
Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs .....	17
Oversight: 6 Legislative: 11	
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations .....	7
Oversight: 7	
Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans .....	19
Oversight: 7 Legislative: 12	
Total Number of Committee Meetings Held .....	147
COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY:	
Total Number of Bills Ordered Reported .....	228
Total Number of Bill Reports Filed .....	224
Total Number of Bills Passed By the House .....	175
Total Number of Bills Which Failed to Pass the House .....	2
Total Number of Public Laws .....	60
Total Number of Enacted Bills .....	31
Total Number of Public Laws Including Enacted Bills .....	91
Total Number of Printed Hearings .....	55
Total Number of Committee Prints .....	2
LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE:	
Total Number of Executive Communications .....	519
Total Number of Memorials .....	56
Total Number of Petitions .....	17
Total Number of Presidential Messages .....	2
Total Number of House Documents .....	2

## FULL COMMITTEE

### I. OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Under Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT), the Committee worked to overhaul land management, environmental, energy, mining, and water statutes, empower relevant state, local and tribal governments through cooperative federalism, restore public access to public lands, and improve federal land, resource and conservation management. The Committee also focused on reasserting Congress' Article I constitutional authority across its jurisdiction, limiting unnecessary regulatory burdens, and expanding responsible development of federal minerals and other natural resources. The Committee also prioritized locally-developed policy solutions to land, water and resource management challenges. The Committee reported 228 bills, the most active for all committees in the U.S. House of Representatives during the 115th Congress, and advanced 91 changes in law.

#### *Congressional Review Act*

From the onset of the 115th Congress, the Committee focused its efforts on various unlawful, arbitrary, or excessive regulations finalized in the waning days and months of the Obama administration. The Committee successfully advanced three joint resolutions of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act—H.J. Res. 38, H.J. Res 44 and H.J. Res. 69—into law, and advanced H.J. Res. 36 to House passage.

H.J. Res. 38, introduced on January 30, 2017 by Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH), overturned the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's (OSM) Stream Protection Rule. Finalized on December 19, 2016, OSM's rule rewrote over 400 regulations threat-

ening one-third of the nation’s coal mining workforce. During the rulemaking process, OSM shut out cooperating agencies—the states responsible for enforcing federal mining regulations—and ignored existing regulatory success at the federal and state level. H.J. Res. 38 passed the House and Senate and became law on February 16, 2017 (P.L. 115–5).

H.J. Res. 44, introduced on January 30, 2017 by Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY), overturned the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Resource Management Planning 2.0 Rule. Finalized on December 12, 2016, the BLM’s rule significantly shifted resource management decisions from cooperative local communities and states to the federal government and largely ignored input from states and counties. H.J. Res. 44 passed the House and Senate and became law on March 27, 2017 (P.L. 115–12).

H.J. Res. 69, introduced on February 2, 2017 by Rep. Don Young (R-AK), overturned the Fish and Wildlife Service’s (FWS) “Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska” Rule. Finalized August 5, 2016, FWS’s rule seized authority away from the State of Alaska to manage fish and wildlife on federal wildlife refuges in Alaska. H.J. Res. 69 passed the House and Senate and became law on April 4, 2017 (P.L. 115–20).

#### *Public Lands Infrastructure and Maintenance*

Early in the Congress, the Committee focused significant efforts on public lands infrastructure. The Committee held a slate of infrastructure-related hearings across its subcommittees and advanced a range of reforms across its jurisdiction to remove bureaucratic obstacles to greater infrastructure development and investment.

The Committee also led bicameral efforts in coordination with the Trump administration to tackle the nation’s public lands deferred maintenance backlog. This includes the Public Lands Infrastructure Fund, a priority legislative proposal included in the administration’s fiscal year 2019 budget that would direct energy lease sales on public lands to finance park revitalization. Legislation modeled after this proposal introduced by Chairman Bishop—H.R. 6510, the *Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act*—passed Committee September 13, 2018. Companion legislation, S. 3172, the *Restore Our Parks Act*, passed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on October 2, 2018. Both measures garnered broad bipartisan support in both chambers.

#### *Overhaul of Federal Lands and Energy Policy*

Building upon work in the 114th Congress, the Committee continued to pursue bipartisan solutions to the nation’s forest health crisis and mitigate threats of catastrophic wildfire through greater forest management. The Committee reported out and the House passed H.R. 2936, the *Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017*, introduced by Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR). Several legislative proposals that originated as a part of H.R. 2936 were enacted into law as a part of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018* (P.L. 115–141) and the 2018 Farm Bill (P.L. 115–334). Reforms to vegetation management near utility rights of way, which were originally put forward as part of the Committee’s work on H.R. 1873, the *Elec-*

*tricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act*, introduced by Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA), also became law (P.L. 115-141).

The Committee pursued a comprehensive overhaul of federal lands energy policy to promote expanded exploration, development, and production of oil, gas and wind resources. This included the development of two separate bills, the *ASTRO Act* and the *ON-SHORE Act*, which would later be combined into H.R. 4239, the *SECURE American Energy Act*, sponsored by Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA). H.R. 4239. That bill, which was successfully marked up on November 7, 2017 promoted state permitting of oil and gas activities on federal land, an expedited process for offshore geophysical surveys, and revenue sharing for coastal states with untapped offshore resources.

Additional accomplishments include reform and reauthorization of the *Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act* (FLTFA). This legislation, H.R. 5133, introduced by Chairman Bishop, provided meaningful improvements to the statute, ensuring continued responsible conservation efforts and greater local input in future land decisions. H.R. 5133 passed the House and Senate and became law on March 23, 2018 (P.L. 115-141).

The Committee continued its oversight on executive overreach and politicization of the Antiquities Act. Members advanced a number of legislative proposals to reassert Congressional authority over monument designations and ensure state and local input in related policymaking, including H.R. 3990, the *National Monument Creation and Protection Act*, introduced by Chairman Bishop, which passed Committee on October 11, 2017.

#### *Department of the Interior Reorganization*

The Committee also worked in partnership with the Department of the Interior (DOI) to facilitate DOI's ongoing reorganization. The Committee held numerous hearings and forums on various administration proposals, including DOI's Unified Regional Boundaries concept and broader efforts to bring more decision-making and regulatory authority closer to the communities most affected. The Committee also conducted regional forums to engage states and other stakeholders on the potential relocation of the Bureau of Land Management headquarters to a western state and related permitting proposals being contemplated under the reorganization plan. In August of 2018, DOI established a final version for the Unified Regions and is now in a process of aligning its Bureaus from their current structures to participate in the new twelve unified regional boundaries.

#### *Economic Recovery in Puerto Rico*

Puerto Rico's economic crisis was further complicated by Hurricanes Irma and Maria that devastated the island in 2017. The Committee played a central oversight role in rebuilding and recovery through a number of hearings, forums, oversight letters and CODEL travel to the island. The Committee continued oversight of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) and ongoing debt restructuring and government reform under the *Puerto Rico Oversight and Management & Economic Stability Act* (PROMESA), which was enacted in the prior Congress (P.L. 114-187).



## II. LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS, MARKUPS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

*February 7, 2017*—The Full Committee met to organize for the 115th Congress, consider Committee Rules, the Committee Oversight Plan, and appoint Committee staff (Committee Resolution #1).

*April 26, 2017*—Markup convened for opening statements.

*April 27, 2017*—Markup reconvened for consideration of: H.R. 220, To authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, and for other purposes; H.R. 497, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public lands in San Bernardino County, California, to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, and to accept in return certain exchanged non-public lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 660, To require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets; H.R. 1073, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a structure for visitor services on the Arlington Ridge tract, in the area of the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, and for other purposes; H.R. 1135, To reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program; H.R. 1500, To redesignate the small triangular property located in Washington, DC, and designated by the National Park Service as reservation 302 as “Robert Emmet Park”, and for other purposes; H.R. 1654, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, and for other purposes; H.R. 1715, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, and for other purposes; H.R. 1769, To affirm an agreement between the United States and Westlands Water District dated September 15, 2015, and for other purposes; H.R. 1807, To exempt from the Lacey Act and the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers between any of the States of Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana; H.R. 1873, To amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to enhance the reliability of the electricity grid and reduce the threat of wildfires to and from electric transmission and distribution facilities on Federal lands by facilitating vegetation management on such lands; H.R. 1967, To amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs; and H.R. 2085, To approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, and for other purposes.

*June 22, 2017*—Markup convened for opening statements.

*June 27, 2017*—Markup reconvened for consideration of: H.R. 218, To provide for the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Alaska for the construction of a road between King Cove and Cold Bay; H.R. 289, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to issue permits for recreation services on lands managed by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; H.R. 597, To take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton Rancheria

of California, and for other purposes; H.R. 954, To remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1107, To promote conservation, improve public land management, and provide for sensible development in Pershing County, Nevada, and for other purposes; H.R. 1306, To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; H.R. 1397, To authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, and for other purposes; H.R. 1399, To reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1404, To provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona; H.R. 1541, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain property related to the Fort Scott National Historic Site in Fort Scott, Kansas, and for other purposes; H.R. 1719, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 1731, To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide funds to States and Indian tribes for the purpose of promoting economic revitalization, diversification, and development in economically distressed communities through the reclamation and restoration of land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining carried out before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes; H.R. 1913, To establish the Clear Creek National Recreation Area in San Benito and Fresno Counties, California, to designate the Joaquin Rocks Wilderness in such counties, and for other purposes; H.R. 1927, To amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes; H.R. 2053, To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to enhance and support mining and mineral engineering programs in the United States by funding activities at mining schools, and for other purposes; H.R. 2156, To provide for the establishment of a national memorial and national monument to commemorate those killed by the collapse of the Saint Francis Dam on March 12, 1928, and for other purposes; H.R. 2370, To authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance; H.R. 2425, To support the establishment and improvement of communications sites on or adjacent to Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture through the retention and use of rental fees associated with such sites, and for other purposes; H.R. 2936, To expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 2937, To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to authorize partnerships between States and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of reclaiming and restoring land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining activities before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes; H.R. 2939, To prohibit the condi-

tioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and for other purposes; and S. 249, To provide that the pueblo of Santa Clara may lease for 99 years certain restricted land, and for other purposes.

*July 19, 2017*—Legislative hearing held on H.R. 424, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue final rules relating to listing of the gray wolf in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; H.R. 717, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require review of the economic cost of adding a species to the list of endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; H.R. 1274, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require making available to States affected by determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species all data that is the basis of such determinations, and for other purposes; H.R. 2603, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that non-native species in the United States shall not be treated as endangered species or threatened species for purposes of that Act; and H.R. 3131, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to conform citizen suits under that Act with other existing law, and for other purposes.

*July 25, 2017*—Markup convened for opening statements.

*July 26, 2017*—Markup reconvened for consideration of: H.R. 825, To promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes; H.R. 873, To authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; H.R. 965, To redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park”, and for other purposes; H.R. 1074, To repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation”; H.R. 1418, To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1491, To reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians, and for other purposes; H.R. 1547, To provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City; H.R. 2075, To adjust the eastern boundary of the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls Wilderness Study Area in the State of Oregon to facilitate fire prevention and response activities in order to protect adjacent private property, and for other purposes; H.R. 2083, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes; H.R. 2199, To improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes; H.R. 2316, To amend the Mineral

Leasing Act and the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to repeal provisions relating only to the Allegheny National Forest; H.R. 2371, To require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, and for other purposes; H.R. 2374, To facilitate certain pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, Nevada, to modify the boundaries of certain wilderness areas in the State of Nevada, and to fully implement the White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act; H.R. 2423, To implement certain measures relating to management of Washington County, Utah, required by Public Law 111–11; H.R. 2582, To authorize the State of Utah to select certain lands that are available for disposal under the Pony Express Resource Management Plan to be used for the support and benefit of State institutions, and for other purposes; H.R. 2611, To modify the boundary of the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, and for other purposes; H.R. 2615, To authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes; H.R. 2768, To designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak”; H.R. 3115, To provide for a land exchange involving Federal land in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Weeks Law, and for other purposes; H.R. 3279, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide that extraction of helium from gas produced under a Federal mineral lease shall maintain the lease as if the helium were oil and gas; and H.R. 3281, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, and for other purposes.

*September 12, 2017*—Markup convened for opening statements.

*September 13, 2017*—Markup reconvened for consideration of: H.R. 3668, To provide for the preservation of sportsmen’s heritage and enhance recreation opportunities on Federal land, and for other purposes.

*October 3, 2017*—Markup convened for opening statements.

*October 4, 2017*—Markup reconvened for consideration of: H.R. 210, To facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 424, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue final rules relating to listing of the gray wolf in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; H.R. 717, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require review of the economic cost of adding a species to the list of endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; H.R. 1274, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require making available to States affected by determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species all data that is the basis of such determinations, and for other purposes; H.R. 1488, To retitle Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore as Indiana Dunes National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 2600, To provide for the conveyance to the State of Iowa of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, and for other purposes; H.R. 2603, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to

provide that nonnative species in the United States shall not be treated as endangered species or threatened species for purposes of that Act; H.R. 2897, To authorize the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service to enter into cooperative management agreements for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3131, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to conform citizen suits under that Act with other existing law, and for other purposes.

*October 11, 2017*—Markup held on H.R. 3990, To amend title 54, United States Code, to reform the Antiquities Act of 1906, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 555, Of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit, respectively, certain documents and other information to the House of Representatives relating to the executive order on the review of designations under the Antiquities Act.

*November 7, 2017*—Markup convened for opening statements.

*November 8, 2017*—Markup reconvened for consideration of: H.R. 995, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to amend regulations for racial appropriateness; H.R. 1532, To reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and for other purposes; H.R. 1800, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs; H.R. 2504, To ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the export of certain echinoderms; H.R. 2907, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop and publish an all-of-the-above quadrennial Federal onshore energy production strategy to meet domestic energy needs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3469, To designate the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foothills Parkway (commonly known as “Bridge 2”) as the “Dean Stone Bridge”; H.R. 3905, To require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 4239, To distribute revenues from oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental Shelf to certain coastal States, to require sale of approved offshore oil and gas leases, to promote offshore wind lease sales, and to empower States to manage the development and production of oil and gas on available Federal land, and for other purposes; and S. 140, To amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund.

*November 29, 2017*—Markup convened for opening statements.

*November 30, 2017*—Markup reconvened for consideration of: H.R. 1778, To provide that an order by the Secretary of the Interior imposing a moratorium on Federal coal leasing shall not take effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted, and for other purposes; H.R. 2630, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 3117, To prohibit the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality from considering the social cost of carbon, the social cost of methane, or

the social cost of nitrous oxide, in taking any action, and for other purposes; H.R. 3607, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish fees for medical services provided in units of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 3979, To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer services, community partnership, and refuge education programs of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes; H.R. 4299, To provide for the indefinite duration of certain military land withdrawals, to improve the management of lands currently subject to such withdrawals and to make the management of such lands more transparent, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4300, To authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and for other purposes.

*December 12, 2017*—Markup convened for opening statements.

*December 13, 2017*—Markup reconvened for consideration of: H.R. 200, To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes; H.R. 1157, To clarify the United States interest in certain submerged lands in the area of the Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes; H.R. 1349, To amend the Wilderness Act to ensure that the use of bicycles, wheelchairs, strollers, and game carts is not prohibited in Wilderness Areas, and for other purposes; H.R. 1350, To modify the boundary of Voyageurs National Park in the State of Minnesota, and for other purposes; H.R. 1675, To establish a national program to identify and reduce losses from landslides hazards, to establish a national 3D Elevation Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 2888, To establish the Ste. Genevieve National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes; H.R. 3588, To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide for management of red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 4033, To reauthorize the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; H.R. 4264, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land in Cache County, Utah, to the City of Hyde Park for public purposes; H.R. 4266, To clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 4465, To maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, to require a report on the implementation of those programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 4475, To provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System; H.R. 4568, To amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under geothermal leases, and for other purposes; S. 825, To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes; and S. 1285, To allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribes to lease or transfer certain lands.

*January 10, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 219, To correct the Swan Lake hydroelectric project survey boundary and to provide for the conveyance of the remaining tract of land within the corrected survey boundary to the State of Alaska; H.R. 801, To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 1220, To establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107–62, and for other purposes; H.R. 2711, To designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas; H.R. 3133, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce unnecessary permitting delays by clarifying associated procedures to increase economic development and support coastal restoration programs, and for other purposes; and S. 117, To designate a mountain peak in the State of Montana as “Alex Diekmann Peak”.

*January 17, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 146, To take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes; H.R. 443, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 553, To redesignate Gravelly Point Park, located along the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Arlington County, Virginia, as the Nancy Reagan Memorial Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 805, To authorize the conveyance of and remove the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands in the City of Tulare, California; H.R. 1417, To amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to allow the Museum to acquire, receive, possess, collect, ship, transport, import, and display firearms, and for other purposes; H.R. 2987, To amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to establish the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps to place youth and veterans in national service positions to conserve, restore, and enhance the great outdoors of the United States, and for other purposes; H.R. 3058, To redesignate the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in the State of Missouri as the “Gateway Arch National Park”; H.R. 3225, To allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to lease or transfer certain lands; and H.R. 3961, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Kissimmee River and its tributaries in the State of Florida for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

*February 14, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 835, To update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument; H.R. 4134, To redesignate the White Clouds Wilderness in the Sawtooth and Challis National Forests in the State of Idaho as the Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness in honor of former Idaho Governor and Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus; and H.R. 4895, To establish the Medgar Evers National Monument in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes.

*March 7, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 520, To require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to the economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes; H.R. 4731, To extend the retained use estate for the Caneel Bay resort in St. John, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5133, To reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes.

*March 14, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 401, To designate the mountain at the Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming, as Devils Tower, and for other purposes; H.R. 3008, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the George W. Bush Childhood Home, located at 1412 West Ohio Avenue, Midland, Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 4609, To provide for the conveyance of a Forest Service site in Dolores County, Colorado, to be used for a fire station; H.R. 4851, To establish the Kennedy-King National Historic Site in the State of Indiana, and for other purposes; S. 35, A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, and for other purposes; and S. 466, A bill to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest.

*April 11, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 3144, To provide for operations of the Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to a certain operation plan for a specified period of time, and for other purposes; H.R. 3392, To provide for stability of title to certain land in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes; H.R. 3997, To waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans demonstrations and special events at war memorials on Federal land, and for other purposes; H.R. 4257, To maximize land management efficiencies, promote land conservation, generate education funding, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5005, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the birthplace of James Weldon Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida, as a unit of the National Park System.

*April 18, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 788, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States; H.R. 1026, To revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 1037, To authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 2991, To establish the Susquehanna National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; H.R. 3400, To promote innovative approaches to outdoor recreation on Federal land and to open up opportunities for collaboration with non-Federal partners, and for



other purposes; H.R. 4069, To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify the treatment of authentic Alaska Native articles of handicraft containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4645, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

*May 8, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 221, To reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes; H.R. 1791, To establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; H.R. 2591, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation, and for other purposes; H.R. 3535, To restore Federal recognition to the Ruffey Rancheria of California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4032, To confirm undocumented Federal rights-of-way or easements on the Gila River Indian Reservation, clarify the northern boundary of the Gila River Indian Community's Reservation, to take certain land located in Maricopa County and Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes; H.R. 4506, To provide incentives to encourage tribal job creation and economic activity, and for other purposes; H.R. 4689, To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; H.R. 5317, To repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands; and H.R. 5655, To establish the Camp Nelson Heritage National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

*May 16, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 224, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; H.R. 857, To provide for conservation and enhanced recreation activities in the California Desert Conservation Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 3045, To amend the National Trails System Act to extend the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 3186, To establish an Every Kid Outdoors program, and for other purposes; H.R. 3916, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to vest in the Secretary of the Interior functions under that Act with respect to species of fish that spawn in fresh or estuarine waters and migrate to ocean waters, and species of fish that spawn in ocean waters and migrate to fresh waters; and H.R. 4419, To facilitate and streamline the Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs processes for creating or expanding certain water projects, and for other purposes.

*June 6, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 3777, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land containing the Nephi Work Center in Juab County, Utah, to Juab County; H.R. 4528, To make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes; H.R. 4824, To allow certain State permitting authority to encourage expansion of broadband service to rural communities, and for other purposes; H.R. 5597, To provide for the expansion of the Desert Tortoise

Habitat Conservation Plan, Washington County, Utah; H.R. 5751, To redesignate Golden Spike National Historic Site and to establish the Transcontinental Railroad Network; and H.R. 5875, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws, and for other purposes.

*June 13, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 2365, To convey certain Federal land in California to Apple Valley, California, Twentynine Palms, California, Barstow, California, and Victorville, California; H.R. 2606, To amend the Act of August 4, 1947 (commonly known as the Stigler Act), with respect to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and for other purposes; H.R. 3744, To provide that an Indian group may receive Federal acknowledgment as an Indian tribe only by an Act of Congress; H.R. 5787, To amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to give effect to more accurate maps of units of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System that were produced by digital mapping of such units, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5874, To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to improve the recruitment and retention of employees in the Indian Health Service, restore accountability in the Indian Health Service, improve health services, and for other purposes.

*June 20, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 6088, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize notifications of permit to drill, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6106, To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to clarify the authorized categorical exclusions and authorize additional categorical exclusions to streamline the oil and gas permitting process, and for other purposes.

*June 27, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 5859, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require that a portion of revenues from new Federal mineral and geothermal leases be paid to States for use to supplement the education of students in kindergarten through grade 12 and public support of institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; H.R. 6087, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recover the cost of processing administrative protests for oil and gas lease sales, applications for permits to drill, and right of way applications, and for other purposes; H.R. 6088 (continued consideration from June 20), To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize notifications of permit to drill, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6107, To clarify that Bureau of Land Management shall not require permits for oil and gas activities conducted on non-Federal surface estate to access subsurface mineral estate that is less than 50 percent Federally owned, and for other purposes.

*July 11, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 577, To designate a peak in the State of Nevada as Maude Frazier Mountain; H.R. 1482, To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes; H.R. 3764, To extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes; H.R. 5613, To designate the Quindaro Townsite in Kansas City, Kansas, as a National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes; H.R. 6077, Recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York;

and H.R. 6302, To enact as law certain regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cormorants.

*July 18, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 5171, To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account; H.R. 5347, To facilitate resolution of environmental remediation and reclamation, resolve potential liability of the United States, and promote economic development in Lyon County, Nevada, and for other purposes; H.R. 5532, To redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 5556, To provide for transparency and reporting related to direct and indirect costs incurred by the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration, the Southwestern Power Administration, and the Southeastern Power Administration related to compliance with any Federal environmental laws impacting the conservation of fish and wildlife, and for other purposes; H.R. 5923, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain public lands in Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 5979, To establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 6038, To establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota; H.R. 6039, To establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes; H.R. 6040, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and facilities of the Central Valley Project; and H.R. 6146, To authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in Yavapai County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

*September 5, 2018*—Markup held on H.Res. 418, Urging the Secretary of the Interior to recognize the cultural significance of Rib Mountain by adding it to the National Register of Historic Places; H.Res. 460, Requesting the Secretary of the Interior to recognize the rich history of the logging industry and the importance of lumberjack sports by adding the Lumberjack Bowl to the National Register of Historic Places; H.R. 5420, To authorize the acquisition of land for addition to the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes; H.R. 5513, To provide for an exchange of lands with San Bernardino County, California, to enhance management of lands within the San Bernardino National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 6013, To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to establish January 31 of each year as the Federal closing date for duck hunting season and to establish special duck hunting days for youths, veterans, and active military personnel, and for other purposes; H.R. 6287, To provide competitive grants for the operation, security, and maintenance of certain memorials to victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; H.R. 6299, To modify the process of the Secretary of the Interior for examining certain mining claims on Federal lands in Storey County, Nevada, to facilitate certain pinyon-juniper-related projects in Lincoln County, Nevada, to modify the boundaries of certain wilderness areas in the State of Nevada, to fully implement the White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act, and for other purposes; H.R.

6599, To modify the application of temporary limited appointment regulations to the National Park Service, and for other purposes; H.R. 6665, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, and for other purposes; H.R. 6678, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain National Park Service land in Fairfax County, Virginia, to the Friends of the Claude Moore Farm; H.R. 6687, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore in the State of California consistent with Congress' longstanding intent to maintain working dairies and ranches on agricultural property as part of the seashore's unique historic, cultural, scenic and natural values, and for other purposes; and S. 2857, A bill to designate the Nordic Museum in Seattle, Washington, as the "National Nordic Museum", and for other purposes.

*September, 13, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 6510, To establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Indian Education, and for other purposes. (MU #1)

*September 13, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 502, To permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and H.R. 6771, To amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, and for other purposes. (MU #2)

*September 26, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 4644, To withdraw certain National Forest System land in the Emigrant Crevice area located in the Custer Gallatin National Forest, Park County, Montana, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States, and for other purposes; H.R. 5636, To designate additions to the Flatside Wilderness on the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 5706, To establish the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in the State of Hawai'i and the Honouliuli National Historic Site in the State of Hawai'i, and for other purposes; H.R. 5727, To establish the San Rafael Swell Western Heritage and Historic Mining National Conservation Area in the State of Utah, to designate wilderness areas in the State, to provide for certain land conveyances, and for other purposes; H.R. 6064, To rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 6118, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to annually designate at least one city in the United States as an "American World War II Heritage City", and for other purposes; H.R. 6255, To amend title 18, United States Code, to establish measures to combat invasive lionfish, and for other purposes; H.R. 6666, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant to States and local governments easements and rights-of-way over Federal land within Gateway National Recreation Area for construction, operation, and maintenance of projects for control and prevention of flooding and shoreline erosion; H.R. 6682, To amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the transparency and oversight of land conveyances involving disposal or acquisition of National Forest System lands or Bureau of Land Management public lands, to provide protections and certainty for private landowners related to resurveying such public

lands, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6784, To provide for removal of the gray wolf in the contiguous 48 States from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife published under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

*September 26, 2018*—Legislative hearing held on H.R. 3608, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; H.R. 6344, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to encourage voluntary conservation efforts; H.R. 6345, To provide for greater county and State consultation with regard to petitions under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; H.R. 6346, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for consideration of the totality of conservation measures in determining the impact of proposed Federal agency action; H.R. 6354, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to prohibit designation as critical habitat of certain areas in artificial water diversion or delivery facilities; H.R. 6355, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to define petition backlogs and provide expedited means for discharging petitions during such a backlog; H.R. 6356, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for improved precision in the listing, delisting, and downlisting of endangered species and potentially endangered species; H.R. 6360, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for greater certainty and improved planning for incidental take permit holders; and H.R. 6364, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to increase State and local involvement in management plans.

*September 27, 2018*—Markup held on H. Res. 792, Urging the Secretary of the Interior to recognize the historical significance of Roberto Clemente's place of death near Piñones in Loiza, Puerto Rico, by adding it to the National Register of Historic Places; H.R. 237, To reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, and for other purposes; H.R. 3608, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; H.R. 6108, To provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, and for other purposes; H.R. 6345, To provide for greater county and State consultation with regard to petitions under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; H.R. 6346, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for consideration of the totality of conservation measures in determining the impact of proposed Federal agency action; H.R. 6355, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to define petition backlogs and provide expedited means for discharging petitions during such a backlog; H.R. 6365, To establish the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Land Grant-Merced Claims Commission and other Federal policies for the restoration of land for hardships resulting from the incomplete and inequitable implementation of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, to affirm Land Grant-Merced property rights protected by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and for other purposes; H.R. 6434, To amend section 7 of Public Law 100–515 (16 U.S.C. 1244

note) to promote continued use of the James J. Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory at Gateway National Recreation Area by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and S. 607, A bill to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities.

*November 15, 2018*—Markup held on H.R. 3593, To amend the Wilderness Act to authorize U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct certain activities to secure the international land borders of the United States, and for other purposes; H.R. 5025, To amend the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act to limit the imposition of penalties against a person fishing on a United States flag fishing vessel in certain areas of the Pacific Ocean based on a report by an observer on such a vessel; H.R. 6507, To amend the Oil Region National Heritage Area Act to reauthorize the Oil Region National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 6602, To reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, and for other purposes; H.R. 6652, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to the Kennewick Irrigation District, and for other purposes; H.R. 6939, To protect and ensure multiple use and public access to public lands in Wyoming per the request of the respective counties, and for other purposes; S. 245, A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes; and S. 669, A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions, and for other purposes.

### III. OVERSIGHT HEARINGS

*June 22, 2017*—Hearing held on “Examining the Department of the Interior’s Spending Priorities and the President’s Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposal.”

*October 25, 2017*—Hearing held on “Empowering State Based Management Solutions for Greater Sage Grouse Recovery.”

*November 7, 2017*—Hearing held on “Examining Challenges in Puerto Rico’s Recovery and the Role of the Financial Oversight and Management Board.”

*November 14, 2017*—Hearing held on “The Need for Transparent Financial Accountability in Territories’ Disaster Recovery Efforts.”

*November 29, 2017*—Hearing held on “Modernizing NEPA for the 21st Century.”

*March 6, 2018*—Hearing held on “Exploring Innovative Solutions to Reduce the Department of the Interior’s Maintenance Backlog.”

*March 15, 2018*—Hearing held on “Policy Priorities at the Department of the Interior and the Administration’s Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Proposal.”

*April 25, 2018*—Hearing held on “The Weaponization of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Implications of Environmental Lawfare.”

*June 1, 2018*—Field hearing held in Grand Junction, Colorado, on “Examining the Natural Gas and Oil Shale Opportunities in Western Colorado.”

*June 11, 2018*—Field hearing held in Alpena, Michigan, on “Examining Effects of Mismanagement of the Cormorant in the Great Lakes Region.”

*July 25, 2018*—Hearing held on “Management Crisis at the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority and Implications for Recovery.”

*September 10, 2018*—Field hearing held in Pasco, Washington, on “The Federal Columbia River Power System: The Economic Lifeblood & Way of Life for the Pacific Northwest.”

*September 17, 2018*—Field hearing held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on “Historic Leasing in the National Park System: Assessing Challenges and Building on Successes.”

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

### I. OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chaired by Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ), the Subcommittee worked this Congress to advance federalist principles for our nation’s energy management on federal lands and waters, to examine alternative uses of energy resources, and to oversee American mining and reclamation activities across the country. Additionally, the Subcommittee continued its efforts to ensure proper enforcement of the *Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act* (PROMESA), enacted in the prior Congress (P.L. 114–187).

#### *Returning Federalism and Regulatory Sensibility to Federal Lands and Waters*

The Subcommittee held a series of legislative and oversight hearings focused on the burdens American businesses face when attempting to produce energy on federal lands. For instance, in the Permian Basin producers were met with permitting delays of over 300 days when submitting an Application for a Permit to Drill (APD) to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); when similar APDs were submitted to the New Mexico Oil and Gas Conservation Division, approval took on average eight days. These delays not only impact state budgetary decisions, limiting revenues for school resources, fire and safety officials, but also hinder America’s energy security. As such, the Subcommittee’s legislative efforts focused on granting the states greater regulatory control over Federal lands located within a state’s respective borders.

In October 2017, the Subcommittee developed two separate bills, the *ASTRO Act* and the *ONSHORE Act*, which would later be combined into H.R. 4239, the *SECURE American Energy Act*. H.R. 4239, which was successfully marked up on November 7, promoted both onshore and offshore regulatory reforms. This bill would allow for state permitting of oil and gas activities on federal land, an expedited process for offshore geophysical surveys, and revenue sharing for coastal states with untapped offshore resources.

In June 2018, the Subcommittee marked up four bills aimed at further improving the Federal onshore oil and gas leasing and permitting process: H.R. 6106, the *Common Sense Permitting Act*; H.R. 6107, the *Ending Duplicative Permitting Act*; H.R. 6087, the *Removing Barriers to Energy Independence Act*; and H.R. 6088, the *SPEED Act*. These bills seek to reduce duplicative regulatory requirements for oil and gas development on Federal land while ensuring appropriate environmental safeguards remain in place.

Continuing to advance greater state control, the Subcommittee discussed the *Enhancing State Management of Federal Lands and Waters Act* in June of 2018. This novel legislation would grant states greater control of leasing decisions on Federal lands and waters, by incentivizing states via increased revenue sharing to promote production or by allowing states opposed to natural resource production to reimburse the government for lost revenues.

Finally, from the *SECURE American Energy Act*, which would raise the cap on revenues eligible for disbursement to Gulf states, to the advancement of H.R. 6763, the *Domestic Offshore Energy Reinvestment Act of 2018*, creating parity for Gulf states in the amount of federal revenues realized, the Subcommittee turned much of its attention towards advancing equitable revenue sharing for offshore-producing Gulf of Mexico states.

#### *Examining Alternative Uses of Energy Resources*

Outside production of oil and natural gas, the Subcommittee highlighted developing opportunities and technologies across the federal estate. In a June 2017 legislative hearing, the Subcommittee addressed the effect the shutdown of the Amarillo helium reserve would have on America's helium supply, and the need for legislation that would allow for the production of helium on Federal lands. As an outgrowth of this hearing, H.R. 3279, the *Helium Extraction Act of 2017*, which allows the BLM to lease Federal land solely for the production of helium, was drafted. H.R. 3279 passed the House by suspension in November 2017 and was subsequently marked up in the Senate.

Additionally, the Subcommittee promoted the development of renewable resources on Federal lands through H.R. 825, the *Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act* and H.R. 4568, the *Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act*. Both acts would ease the regulatory burdens for renewable development on Federal lands. Notably, the Subcommittee held one of the first hearings in the House of Representatives on offshore wind, advocating for three bills that would provide certainty to the nascent offshore wind industry, allow for the leasing of offshore tracts surrounding the nation's territories, and promote greater job development in the wind industry.

#### *Overseeing Mining and Reclamation Activities Across the Country*

Similar to the Subcommittee's onshore and offshore activities, greater state involvement and regulatory efficiencies were sought in regard to mining and reclamation operations.

In October 2017, the House passed on suspension H.R. 2937, the *Community Reclamation Partnerships Act*, which would facilitate cooperation between states and entities to reclaim abandoned coal mines. Another major effort to address hazards of abandoned coal mines and their negative impact on surrounding areas was H.R. 1731, the *RECLAIM Act of 2017*, which would spur development in economically depressed coal-mining communities.

The Subcommittee also advanced two separate bills in July 2017 aimed at limiting the regulatory and executive overreach of the former administration. H.R. 3117, the *Transparency and Honesty in Energy Regulations Act of 2017* would prohibit the use of ambiguous metrics, including the social costs of carbon, methane, or ni-



trous oxide as justification in environmental rulemakings; while H.R. 1778 limited the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to impose moratoria on coal mining on Federal land.

The Subcommittee also advanced H.R. 520, the *National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2017*, which would allow the United States to more efficiently develop the nation's strategic and critical minerals and streamline the permitting process for mineral development. H.R. 520 was passed by the House as an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. The House also passed H.R. 3905, *Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act*, legislation to protect economic opportunities for Minnesotans through mining for decades to come. In November 2018, the House passed on suspension H.R. 4033, the National Geologic Mapping Act Reauthorization Act, maintaining funding for geologic maps and the continued discovery of mineral resources, tracking of soil and rock formations, and the identification of natural hazards and abandoned mine lands.

*Ensuring Proper Execution of the Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act*

The Subcommittee continued to lead oversight efforts relating to PROMESA. Such efforts were thrust into the national spotlight with the devastating arrival of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in September 2017, which re-highlighted the fiscal and energy crisis Puerto Ricans face on a daily basis.

In response to the hurricanes, and the ensuing mismanagement, the Committee held two oversight hearings in November 2017 both of which examined the challenges facing Puerto Rico's recovery and the respective roles of the Financial Oversight and Management Board and government of Puerto Rico. In turn, these hearings resulted in the inclusion of Section 21210 of the *Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018* (P.L. 115–123), which required the Governor of Puerto Rico, in consultation with relevant Federal agencies and the Federal Oversight and Management Board, to develop a disaster recovery plan, which defined the priorities, goals, and expected outcomes of Puerto Rico's recovery efforts.

Finally, in July 2018, the Committee held a hearing concerning the management crisis at the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA). That hearing resulted in a bipartisan consensus that acknowledged for Puerto Rico to have reliable, cost-effective energy: (1) PREPA must be depoliticized, and (2) a strong, independent regulator must be in place to oversee the transformation of PREPA and its associated electricity rates.

## II. LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

*April 5, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 1731, To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide funds to States and Indian tribes for the purpose of promoting economic revitalization, diversification, and development in economically distressed communities through the reclamation and restoration of land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining carried out before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes.

*May 24, 2017*—Hearing held on Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_\_, To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to

authorize partnerships between States and non-governmental entities for the purpose of reclaiming and restoring land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining activities before August 3, 1977, and other purposes. “Community Reclamation Partnerships Act.”

*June 21, 2017*—Hearing held on Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide that extraction of helium from gas produced under a Federal mineral lease shall maintain the lease as if the helium were oil and gas. “Helium Extraction Act of 2017.”

*July 27, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 1778, To provide that an order by the Secretary of the Interior imposing a moratorium on Federal coal leasing shall not take effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted, and for other purposes; H.R. 3117, To prohibit the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality from considering the social cost of carbon, the social cost of methane, or the social cost of nitrous oxide, in taking any action, and for other purposes; and Discussion Draft, H.R. \_\_, To require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands, and for other purposes.

*September 6, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 2661, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under that Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State, and for other purposes; H.R. 2907, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop and publish an all-of-the-above quadrennial Federal onshore energy production strategy to meet domestic energy needs, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3565, To achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control the exploration, development, and production of oil and gas on all available Federal land, and for other purposes.

*October 11, 2017*—Hearing held on Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to distribute revenues from oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental Shelf to certain coastal States, and for other purposes. “Accessing Strategic Resources Offshore Act” or “ASTRO Act.”

*October 13, 2017*—Hearing held on Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to manage the development and production of oil and gas on available Federal land, and for other purposes. “Opportunities for the Nation and States to Harness Onshore Resources” or “ONSHORE Act.”

*November 7, 2017*—Hearing held on Discussion Draft of H.R. \_\_, To distribute revenues from oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental Shelf to certain coastal States, to require sale of approved and scheduled offshore oil and gas leases, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, and to empower States to manage the development and production of oil and gas on available Federal land, and for other purposes.

*November 30, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 1675, To establish a national program to identify and reduce losses from landslide hazards, to establish a national 3D Elevation Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 4033, To reauthorize the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under geothermal leases, and for other purposes. “Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act”; and Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under geothermal leases, and for other purposes. “Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act.”

*February 15, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 520, To require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to the economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes.

*April 18, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 3846, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require payment to counties of a portion of certain revenues received by the United States under Federal oil and gas leases, and for other purposes.

*June 6, 2018*—Hearing held on Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recover the cost of processing the cost of processing administrative protests for oil and gas lease sales, applications for permits to drill, and right of way applications, and for other purposes; Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To clarify the categorical exclusions authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and authorize additional categorical exclusions to streamline the oil and gas permitting process, and for other purposes; Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize notifications of permit to drill, and for other purposes; and Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To clarify that Bureau of Land Management shall not require permits for oil and gas activities conducted on non-Federal surface estate to access subsurface mineral estate that is less than 50 percent Federally owned, and for other purposes.

*June 14, 2018*—Hearing held on Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, “Enhancing State Management of Federal Lands and Waters Act”.

*June 21, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 4644, To withdraw certain National Forest System land in the Emigrant Crevice area located in the Custer Gallatin National Forest, Park County, Montana, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5859, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require that a portion of revenues from new Federal mineral and geothermal leases be paid to States for use to supplement the education of students in kindergarten through grade 12 and public support of institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

*June 26, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 5291, To establish an offshore wind career training grant program, and for other purposes; Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, and for other purposes “Offshore Renewable Energy for Territories Act”; and Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_,

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for a leasing program for offshore renewable energy, and for other purposes “National OCS Renewable Energy leasing Program Act”.

### III. OVERSIGHT HEARINGS

*March 21, 2017*—Hearing held on “The Importance of Domestically Sourced Raw Materials for Infrastructure Projects.”

*May 17, 2017*—Hearing held on “Reviewing Recent State Successes with the Rigs to Reefs Program.”

*June 7, 2017*—Hearing held on the “Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement’s Abandoned Mine Lands Program.”

*June 29, 2017*—Hearing held on “Examining Access to Oil and Gas Development on Federal Lands.”

*July 12, 2017*—Hearing held on “Evaluating Federal Offshore Oil and Gas Development on the Outer Continental Shelf.”

*July 18, 2017*—Hearing held on “Promoting Onshore Oil and Gas Development in Alaska.”

*July 20, 2017*—Hearing held on “Seeking Innovative Solutions for the Future of Hardrock Mining.”

*December 12, 2017*—Hearing held on “Examining Consequences of America’s Growing Dependence on Foreign Minerals.”

*January 18, 2018*—Hearing held on “Examining the Department of the Interior’s Actions to Eliminate Onshore Energy Burdens.”

*January 19, 2018*—Hearing held on “Deficiencies in the Permitting Process for Offshore Seismic Research.”

*February 27, 2018*—Hearing held on “Liquefied Natural Gas and U.S. Geopolitics.”

*March 15, 2018*—Hearing held on “Abandoned Hardrock Mines and the Role of Non-Governmental Entities.”

*April 12, 2018*—Hearing held on “The Benefits of the Navajo Generation Station on Local Economies.”

*April 26, 2018*—Hearing held on “Examining the Critical Importance of Offshore Energy Revenue Sharing for Gulf Producing States.”

*July 24, 2018*—Hearing held on “Assessing Innovative and Alternative Uses of Coal.”

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL LANDS

#### I. OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chaired by Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA), the Subcommittee advanced increased public access to public lands, restoration of sound forest and rangeland management practices, and the reestablishment of the federal government as a good neighbor to the communities affected by land management decisions.

#### *Restoring Public Access to Public Lands*

The Subcommittee worked this Congress to ensure public access to public lands for recreational enjoyment and economic development. The Subcommittee held oversight hearings to investigate how Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) policies stymied economic growth, historic uses of land, and recreational opportunities. The Subcommittee advanced policies to restore sensible access for America’s sportsmen and women to ensure they can continue to

hunt, fish, shoot, hike, and recreate on public lands. The House passed Chairman Bishop's H.R. 6013, the *Migratory Bird Framework and Hunting Opportunities for Veterans Act*, which allows states to identify special duck hunting days for youths and members of the Armed Forces to encourage hunting activity on federal land. In addition, the Committee marked-up and passed H.R. 3668, the SHARE Act introduced by Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-SC), to protect sportsmen's Second Amendment rights and reduce regulations that limit or prohibit recreational and sporting activities on public lands. The Committee also reported Chairman Bishop's H.R. 3400, the *Recreation Not Red-Tape Act*, which expands outdoor recreation opportunities by removing bureaucratic hurdles in the permitting and recreation pass process, establishes a new National Recreation Area System, and facilitates private-sector volunteer maintenance programs across public lands.

The Subcommittee also investigated how current federal land use regulations for Wilderness areas restrict access to public lands for certain means of transportation. Although the Wilderness Act allows travel across wilderness lands on foot and with the use of horses and pack animals, the use of bicycles, wheelchairs and other human-powered means of transportation is largely prohibited. As a result, this policy restricts access to some of our most special federal lands for more than 40 million recreational cyclists and countless more Americans with disabilities. As a result, the Committee advanced H.R. 1349, introduced by Subcommittee Chairman McClintock, which amends the *Wilderness Act* (16 U.S.C. 1133(c)) to permit the use of bicycles, strollers and other human powered wheeled implements, and motorized and non-motorized wheelchairs in wilderness.

#### *Promoting Sound Management of Public Lands*

The Subcommittee also focused on promoting sound management of public lands and held several hearings examining the impact of litigation on national forests, the consequences of catastrophic wildfires, tribal, local, and state forestry practices, and the ways that forest health degrade when there is a lack of active management. The Committee reported out and the House passed H.R. 2936, the *Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017*, to return resiliency and promote health in our fire-prone, overgrown national forests. Several legislative proposals that originated as a part of H.R. 2936 were enacted into law as a part of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018* (P.L. 115-141) and the *2018 Farm Bill* (P.L. 115-334) including: increasing stewardship contracting terms up to 20-years, reforming Good Neighbor Authority to authorize repair and reconstruction of forest roads, amending Resource Advisory Committee quorum requirements to promote more effective and locally driven appointments and fixing the problem of fire borrowing.

The Subcommittee worked to improve management within the NPS and reduce the Department of the Interior's \$16 billion deferred maintenance backlog. The Subcommittee held multiple oversight and legislative hearings on the subject, which culminated in the Committee reporting out Chairman Bishop's bipartisan H.R. 6510, the *Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act*. The bill creates a fund to address the growing backlog and take care of needed infrastructure improvements on our public lands. The Subcommittee

also investigated new and innovative ways to improve visitor experiences, including traveling to Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas to examine historic leasing agreements in the National Park System.

The Subcommittee also advanced solutions to ensure that parks with the greatest levels of visitor demand have the resources they need to continue providing high quality visitor services. The Committee reported, and the House passed subcommittee Chairman McClintock's H.R. 3607, which creates a fund in the Treasury to allow the NPS to retain insurance revenues and donations to help offset the costs of providing medical services within its units. Revenue retention will support a high standard of patient care within our parks at no cost to taxpayers.

In addition, the Subcommittee crafted a permanent reauthorization of the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA). This legislation, H.R. 5133, provided meaningful improvements to the program, ensuring it will continue to serve as a tool for responsible conservation efforts, thoughtful land use decisions and greater economic development opportunities. H.R. 5133, the *Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization of 2018* passed out of the Committee and advanced to become law (P.L. 115–141).

#### *Making the Federal Government a Good Neighbor to Local Communities*

One of the Subcommittee's top priorities is ensuring that the federal government acts as a good neighbor to local communities impacted by public lands. Americans in the Western United States are too often hindered by the large presence of checkerboard federal land in the West, which restricts local tax bases and creates challenges for expanding rural communities. The Subcommittee worked to remedy this by advancing legislation to convey excess federal land to local cities and counties in support of local priorities. Among the land conveyance legislation that the Subcommittee heard and advanced through the House were bills to allow for the building of much needed fire stations in Colorado and Utah<sup>1</sup> and remove federal restrictions limiting the growth of local institutions.<sup>2</sup>

The Subcommittee also focused on giving certainty to the communities and Americans that rely on public lands to make a living and support their way of life. The Subcommittee held an oversight hearing on July 12, 2018 to examine the importance of livestock grazing on public lands to the communities surrounding them. At this hearing, the Subcommittee evaluated solutions to address regulatory burdens that weigh on public lands communities and examined potential reforms to better align land management policies with the needs of communities across Western states. One example of these efforts is H.R. 6687 introduced by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA), which provides certainty to the multi-generational family dairies operating within the Point Reyes National Seashore in California. The bill, which requires the Secretary of the Interior to con-

<sup>1</sup>e.g. H.R. 4609, the "West Fork Fire Station Act of 2017" introduced by Rep. Scott Tipton (R-CO); H.R. 3777, the "Juab County Conveyance Act of 2018" introduced by Rep. Mia Love (R-UT).

<sup>2</sup>e.g. H.R. 5923, the "Walnut Grove Land Exchange Act" introduced the Subcommittee Vice Chairman Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR); H.R. 6146, the "Cottonwood Land Exchange Act of 2018" introduced by Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ).

tinue managing the Seashore in a way that preserves the working dairies and ranches, passed Committee on September 5, 2018.

#### *Antiquities Act Oversight*

The Subcommittee continues to be concerned about abuses of the Antiquities Act. In May 2017, the Subcommittee held an oversight hearing examining executive overreach and politicization of the Act. This hearing focused on national monuments designated without significant local input or support as well as national monuments with excessively large or restrictive designations. Following this important oversight into the misuse of the Antiquities Act, Chairman Bishop, along with all five Natural Resources Subcommittee Chairmen, introduced H.R. 3990, the *National Monument Creation and Protection Act*. This legislation reforms to the Antiquities Act to allow for the protection of actual antiquities without the disenfranchisement of local voices and perspectives. H.R. 3990 was marked-up and reported by the Full Committee in October 2017.

The Subcommittee also focused its attention on addressing two especially egregious Antiquities Act designations in Utah, the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument proclamation in 1996 and the Bears Ears National Monument proclamation in 2016. The Antiquities Act specifies that national monuments “be confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected.” Neither of these monument designations fell within the letter or intent of the law.

The original 1.7 million-acre Grand Staircase Escalante monument designation was hastily made without local input or proper notification during the closing days of President Bill Clinton’s first term. On December 14, 2017, the Subcommittee held a legislative hearing on H.R. 4558, the *Grand Staircase Escalante Enhancement Act*, introduced by Rep. Chris Stewart (R-UT). H.R. 4558 represents a locally negotiated effort that balances the protection of important antiquities with responsible land management that meets the unique needs of the rural communities in that area.

President Obama designated the Bears Ears National Monument in San Juan County, Utah, during the final weeks of his administration. The National Monument, totaling 1,351,849 acres, covers an area larger than the State of Delaware. On December 4, 2017, President Trump issued a proclamation substantially reducing the total acreage of the monument while protecting identified antiquities in the region. On January 9, 2018, the Subcommittee held a legislative hearing on H.R. 4532, the *Shash Jaa National Monument and Indian Creek National Monument Act*, introduced by Rep. John Curtis (R-UT). The legislation codified the Trump administration’s proclamation, reasserting Congressional authority over monument designations, and created the first ever tribally co-managed national monument in history.

## II. LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

*April 5, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 218, To provide for the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Alaska for the construction of a road between King Cove and Cold Bay; H.R. 497, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public lands in San Bernardino County, California, to the San

Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, and to accept in return certain exchanged non-public lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1157, To clarify the United States interest in certain submerged lands in the area of the Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1728, To modify the boundaries of the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, and for other purposes.

*May 23, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 1107, To promote conservation, improve public land management, and provide for sensible development in Pershing County, Nevada, and for other purposes; H.R. 2199, To improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multi-purpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes; H.R. 2423, To implement certain measures relating to management of Washington County, Utah, required by Public Law 111–11; and H.R. 2425, To support the establishment and improvement of communications sites on or adjacent to Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture through the retention and use of rental fees associated with such sites, and for other purposes.

*June 15, 2017*—Hearing held on Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_\_, To expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes. “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017.”

*July 14, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 873, To authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1547, To provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City; H.R. 2582, To authorize the State of Utah to select certain lands that are available for disposal under the Pony Express Resource Management Plan to be used for the support and benefit of State institutions, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3115, To provide for a land exchange involving Federal land in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Weeks Law, and for other purposes.

*September 12, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 3668, To provide for the preservation of sportsmen’s heritage and enhance recreation opportunities on Federal land, and for other purposes.

*October 3, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 3400, To promote innovative approaches to outdoor recreation on Federal land and to open up opportunities for collaboration with non-Federal partners, and for other purposes.

*October 11, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 219, To correct the Swan Lake hydroelectric project survey boundary and to provide for the conveyance of the remaining tract of land within the corrected survey boundary to the State of Alaska; H.R. 2630, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County,



Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 3373, To amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to extend for an additional 50 years the lease under which the government of the District of Columbia uses the ground under and the parking facilities associated with Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium; and H.R. 3607, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish fees for medical services provided in units of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

*November 15, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 801, To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 2888, To establish the Ste. Genevieve National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes; H.R. 3979, To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer services, community partnership, and refuge education programs of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4266, To clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, and for other purposes.

*December 7, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 805, To authorize the conveyance of and remove the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands in the City of Tulare, California; H.R. 1349, To amend the Wilderness Act to ensure that the use of bicycles, wheelchairs, strollers, and game carts is not prohibited in Wilderness Areas, and for other purposes; H.R. 3371, To provide for the conveyance of an obsolete Over-the-Horizon Backscatter Radar System receiving station in Modoc County, California, to promote economic development of the site; and H.R. 3961, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Kissimmee River and its tributaries in the State of Florida for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

*December 14, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 4558, To provide greater conservation, recreation, economic development and local management of Federal lands in Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah.

*January 9, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 4532, To create the first Tribally managed national monument, and for other purposes. (Part 1) [Note: Hearing convened but not adjourned due to a letter submitted by the Ranking Member, stating House Rule XI.]

*January 30, 2018*—Hearing reconvened on H.R. 4532, To create the first Tribally managed national monument, and for other purposes. (Part 2)

*February 6, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 835, To update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument; H.R. 857, To provide for conservation and enhanced recreation activities in the California Desert Conservation Area, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4895, To establish the Medgar Evers National Monument in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes.

*February 15, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 2591, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation, and for other purposes; H.R. 4429, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a rule relating to extension of the expiration dates for double-crested cormorant depredation orders, and for other purposes; H.R. 4609, To provide for the conveyance of a Forest Service site in Dolores County, Colorado, to

be used for a fire station; H.R. 4647, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4851, To establish the Kennedy-King National Historic Site in the State of Indiana, and for other purposes.

*February 28, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 1992, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the site of the Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park in Jessamine County, Kentucky, and for other purposes; H.R. 3008, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the George W. Bush Childhood Home, located at 1412 West Ohio Avenue, Midland, Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 4731, To extend the retained use estate for the Caneel Bay resort in St. John, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5005, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the birthplace of James Weldon Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida, as a unit of the National Park System.

*March 20, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 2584, To amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5210, To establish the National Park Restoration Fund, and for other purposes.

*April 11, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 1037, To authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1791, To establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; H.R. 2991, To establish the Susquehanna National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3045, To amend the National Trails System Act to extend the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

*May 17, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 2365, To convey certain Federal land in California to Apple Valley, California, Twentynine Palms, California, Barstow, California, and Victorville, California; H.R. 3777, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land containing the Nephi Work Center in Juab County, Utah, to Juab County; H.R. 4824, To allow certain State permitting authority to encourage expansion of broadband service to rural communities, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5023, To designate the Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park comprised of certain National Park System lands, and by affiliation and cooperative agreements other historically significant resources, located in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland, that were part of the Civil War defenses of Washington and related to the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864, to study ways in which the Civil War history of both the North and South can be assembled, arrayed, and conveyed for the benefit of the public, and for other purposes.

*May 22, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 5597, To provide for the expansion of the Desert Tortoise Habitat Conservation Plan, Washington County, Utah; H.R. 5751, To redesignate Golden Spike Na-

tional Historic Site and to establish the Transcontinental Railroad Network; and H.R. 5875, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws, and for other purposes.

*June 21, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 4599, To redesignate Rock Creek Park in the District of Columbia as Rock Creek National Park; H.R. 5148, To release certain wilderness study areas in the State of Montana; H.R. 5149, To provide that certain wilderness study areas in Montana have been adequately studied for wilderness designation; H.R. 5613, To designate the Quindaro Townsite in Kansas City, Kansas, as a National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5727, To establish the San Rafael Swell Western Heritage and Historic Mining National Conservation Area in the State of Utah, to designate wilderness areas in the State, to provide for certain land conveyances, and for other purposes.

*July 17, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 5171, To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account; H.R. 5262, To redesignate the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area as the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 5347, To facilitate resolution of environmental remediation and reclamation, resolve potential liability of the United States, and promote economic development in Lyon County, Nevada, and for other purposes; H.R. 5532, To redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 5923, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain public lands in Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 5979, To establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 6013, To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to establish January 31 of each year as the Federal closing date for duck hunting season and to establish special duck hunting days for youths, veterans, and active military personnel, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6146, To authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in Yavapai County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

*September 6, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 5706, To establish the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in the State of Hawai'i and the Honouliuli National Historic Site in the State of Hawai'i, and for other purposes; H.R. 6108, To provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, and for other purposes; H.R. 6118, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to annually designate at least one city in the United States as an 'American World War II Heritage City', and for other purposes; H.R. 6365, To establish the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Land Grant-Merced Claims Commission and other Federal policies for the restoration of land for hardships resulting from the incomplete and inequitable implementation of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, to affirm Land Grant-Merced property rights protected by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and for other

purposes; and H.R. 6682, To amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the transparency and oversight of land conveyances involving disposal or acquisition of National Forest System Lands or Bureau of Land Management public lands, to provide protections and certainty for private landowners related to resurveying such public lands, and for other purposes.

### III. OVERSIGHT HEARINGS

*March 16, 2017*—Hearing held on “Identifying Innovative Infrastructure Ideas for the National Park Service and Forest Service.”

*May 2, 2017*—Hearing held on “Examining the Consequences of Executive Branch Overreach of the Antiquities Act.”

*May 17, 2017*—Hearing held on “Seeking Better Management of America’s Overgrown, Fire-Prone National Forests.”

*June 8, 2017*—Hearing held on “Burdensome Litigation and Federal Bureaucratic Roadblocks to Manage our Nation’s Overgrown, Fire-Prone National Forests.”

*June 7, 2018*—Hearing held on “Wildfire Risk, Forest Health, and Associated Management Priorities of the U.S. Forest Service.”

*July 12, 2018*—Hearing held on “The Essential Role of Livestock Grazing on Federal Lands and its Importance to Rural America.”

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDIAN, INSULAR AND ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS

#### I. OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chaired by Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA), the Subcommittee focused on promoting job creation, economic growth, and freedom from excessive and outdated government regulations for the benefit of American Indian, Alaska Native, and U.S. Insular communities. The Subcommittee also continued to lay the groundwork begun in previous sessions for Congress to reclaim from the Executive and Judicial branches the power to regulate Indian affairs, a power reserved exclusively to the Legislative Branch under Article I of the Constitution.

#### *Tribal Prosperity through Energy Development and Economic Independence*

For decades, Native American communities and U.S. Insular Areas have struggled with a wide array of difficulties relating to economic development on their land, including bureaucratic hurdles, poor access to capital, remote and rural locations, and degradation of the local infrastructure. The Subcommittee highlighted these issues and pursued legislation centered on improving economic opportunities, infrastructure and bureaucratic processes for Indian tribes and U.S. territories.

Beginning in March 2017, the Subcommittee held a hearing on how to improve and expand infrastructure in tribal and Insular communities. The Subcommittee primarily focused on tribal health facility improvement, as the average age of Indian hospitals is triple the national average. This hearing was an integral first step in the Executive and Legislative Branches’ attention to national infrastructure improvements.

On May 23, 2017, the Subcommittee held a hearing focused on land fractionation, an issue that can often impede development on tribal lands. The Trump administration testified that the *Cobell*

*Buy-Back Program* land consolidation efforts developed by the previous administration have not satisfactorily reduced fractionization and the problem has persisted over the past eight years.

On January 17, 2018, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 4506, the *Jobs for Tribes Act*. Introduced by Rep. Norma Torres (D-CA) in November 2017, H.R. 4506 is intended to address tribal economic development and self-sustainability by increasing the access to capital for tribes and tribally owned businesses, create a business incubator program for tribally owned businesses through the Department of the Interior, and by directing the Secretary of State to provide assistance to countries in the Western Hemisphere to promote and facilitate entrepreneurship among their indigenous peoples by strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations and local governments. The hearing was successful in outlining the various hurdles tribes must overcome while also displaying the need and potential benefits of federal programs.

Following the success of the hearing, the Subcommittee held another hearing on July 24, 2018 on S. 607, *Native American Business Incubators Program Act*, and S. 1116, *Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act of 2018*, two bills whose text is largely identical to Titles II and I of H.R. 4506, respectively. The hearing continued the previous hearing's themes about the difficulties surrounding business development in Indian country, and the necessity and importance of supporting a vibrant, strong economy of tribally owned business. Both bills had previously passed the Senate, and S. 607 was reported out of the Committee by unanimous consent on September 27, 2018.

In October 2018, the Committee adopted and favorably reported H.R. 210, *Native American Energy Act*, a bill sponsored by Rep. Don Young (R-AK). The bill would streamline or eliminate burdensome and duplicative government regulations and increase the opportunity for Indian tribes to develop energy resources on their own land.

In November 2018, the Committee passed S. 245, the *Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2017*. The measure, which passed the House and was signed into law (P.L. 115-325) in December 2018, amends certain provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, primarily impacting the process by which a tribe may obtain Tribal Energy Resource Agreements (TERAs).

S. 245 also contained several provisions mirroring those found in H.R. 210, including changes to energy appraisal and permitting processes, the establishment of a biomass demonstration project and enhancing tribal long-term leasing authority. Both S. 245 and H.R. 210 were intended to remove federal disincentives to developing tribal trust energy resources and assist Indian tribes interested in pursuing the development of these resources consistent with the federal policy of promoting Indian self-determination.

#### *Reclaiming Congress' Constitutional Authority over Federal Recognition of Indian Tribes*

The Committee continued its efforts, begun in the 114th Congress, to reclaim Congress' Article I role over recognizing tribes from the Executive Branch, which has wrongly appropriated this power. Specifically, the Committee held a hearing and approved a

bill to establish a statutory process for examining the evidence submitted by groups seeking recognition as tribes and for reserving to Congress the prerogative to render a final determination.

Legislation is necessary because the Indian Commerce Clause (Article I, Section 8) of the Constitution gives sole responsibility for Indian policy to Congress, not to the Secretary of the Interior or the Bureau of Indian Affairs or a federal judge. The Committee holds that this is a separation of powers issue of significant constitutional importance.

Recognition of a tribe is a solemn act of the United States government, with long-term consequences not only to a tribe's members, but to other tribes, and to states and non-Indian citizens. This makes recognition a question for the political—or legislative—branch. A tribe is eligible for a variety of federal services and benefits, including operation of a casino on its lands, and absolute sovereign immunity against anyone except the federal government. It usually obtains federal protection in controversies where states, local governments, or private citizens are adverse parties. A tribe may exercise special political authority over its territory and its Indian members. Land acquired in trust for a tribe divests state and local government jurisdiction over such property. A tribe is not deemed to be a party to the Constitution and as a result, an individual under a tribe's civil or criminal jurisdiction does not possess on that tribe's lands any of the rights guaranteed by the Constitution, except as provided by Congress. These unique tribal powers and immunities exist through centuries of treaties and statutes enacted in and by the Congress.

Concern over the Executive Branch's appropriation of this congressional power reached a bipartisan high during the Obama Administration. On July 1, 2015, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) finalized a controversial rule to revise the "Part 83" recognition regulations (regulations codified in 25 C.F.R. Part 83) that relaxed the criteria and lowered the evidentiary standards a petitioner must meet to be acknowledged as a tribe. The Obama administration lowered the bar for BIA to recognize tribes without authorization from Congress despite there being virtually no requests from Congress or currently recognized tribes to relax the criteria or lower the evidentiary standards.

In September of 2017, Chairman Bishop introduced H.R. 3744, the *Tribal Recognition Act of 2018*. H.R. 3744 recognizes and reasserts Congress' appropriate role over the formation of Indian policy by establishing a basis for the Secretary to examine the evidence submitted by groups seeking recognition as tribes, and for the determination on extending recognition to be reserved to the Congress. On September 26, 2017, the Subcommittee held a hearing to examine the bill and its potential effects on Indian country. In September 2018, the Committee ordered the bill reported, as amended.

The criteria contained in the bill reflect the major parts of the "old" Part 83 criteria as they existed before the 2018 revisions. Under the bill, the Secretary shall not have any power to recognize a tribe (except as expressly authorized by Act of Congress), and the Part 83 rule shall have no force or effect.

On September 26, 2017 the subcommittee examined H.R. 3535, *The Ruffey Rancheria Restoration Act of 2017*, sponsored by Sub-

committee Chairman LaMalfa. The bill was ordered reported on May 8, 2018.

In May of 2017, the House passed H.R. 984, the *Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017*, introduced by Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA). The Act extends federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe in Virginia. The bill was signed into Public Law 115–121 on January 29, 2018.

The House also passed H.R. 3764, the *Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2018* on September 12, 2018. Introduced by Rep. Greg Gianforte (R-MT) in September 2017, the bill extends federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana and takes 200 acres of land within the tribe's service area into trust to be used for a tribal land base.

#### *Oversight of the Indian Health Service and Improving Alaska Native Healthcare*

For decades, federally-run Indian Health Service (IHS) facilities have been plagued by low-quality health care, accusations of impropriety, nepotism, and corruption. To make matters worse, the tribes served by the Great Plains area are generally located on large rural reservations that are beset by long-term systemic non-healthcare problems like high unemployment, alcohol and drug abuse, a youth suicide epidemic, housing shortages, and lack of education.

In 2010 Congress permanently reauthorized the Indian Health Care Improvement Act through the Affordable Care Act. However, since that time, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to find serious health deficiencies at several IHS hospitals. CMS has terminated its provider contract with the Omaha-Winnebago Indian Health Service Hospital in Nebraska, while several in South Dakota were put on notice that their performance was potentially deficient. Holding the offending parties accountable for these failures while ensuring educated, qualified individuals are staffed throughout IHS facilities remains a high priority for the Subcommittee.

The troubles with the provision of services by IHS are not a function of federal spending levels on Indian programs. The problems occurred if not worsened after Congress elevated funding for the Service, including an increase in annual appropriations almost each year since the 2010. In fact, since 2008, funding for the IHS has increased by almost 50 percent. The House's fiscal year (FY) 2018 proposed appropriation sits at approximately \$750 million over FY 2010 levels, yet the dangerous situation in the Great Plains area and the staffing shortage problem throughout the twelve IHS areas continues to exist if not grow.

In May of 2017, Rep. Kristi Noem (R-SD) introduced H.R. 2662, the *Restoring Accountability in the Indian Health Service Act of 2017*. On June 21, 2017, the Subcommittee held a legislative hearing on the bill, receiving favorable testimony. The Subcommittee continued to address stakeholder comments to H.R. 2662 throughout 2017 and on May 18, 2018, Rep. Kristi Noem introduced a re-

vised bill, H.R. 5874. The Committee ordered H.R. 5874 favorably reported on June 13, 2018.

#### *Tribal Forest Management*

The lack of active federal forest management has destroyed tens of thousands of jobs, deprived rural counties of revenue, and made our national forests increasingly susceptible to devastating wildfires and invasive species. Tribal forest managers continue to be more effective at using their limited resources to better protect forest health, prevent catastrophic wildfires and create jobs. By allowing tribes to manage and maintain their own forests and timber, new avenues for economic development will be made available as well as increased levels of safety and prevention against wildfires.

In January of 2018, H.R. 1306, the *Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act*, which was sponsored by Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), was signed into law (P.L. 115–103). The bill requires land to be held in trust for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and another trust for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. The bill also amends the Coquille Restoration Act providing that the Department of the Interior manage the Coquille forest in accordance with only those laws pertaining to the management of Indian trust land.

In December of 2018, Congress passed S. 245 (P.L. 115–325) which contained a provision amending the *Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004* (TFPA) to include new authority that directs the Secretary (of Agriculture or the Interior) to enter into a minimum number of contracts or agreements with Indian tribes to enable the tribes to carry out various activities. One such activity under this demonstration project will be for Indian tribes and Alaska Natives to promote biomass energy production on Indian forest land and in nearby communities by providing reliable supplies of woody biomass from federal land.

#### *Resolving Native American Land Issues*

On October 25, 2017, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 215, *American Indian Empowerment Act of 2017*, sponsored by Rep. Don Young (R-AK). The bill requires the Department of the Interior, upon the request of an Indian tribe, to transfer land held in trust for the tribe to the tribe as restricted fee tribal land. The Subcommittee received favorable testimony on the bill, as several witnesses remarked that the bill would help tribes take true economic control over their lands.

The Subcommittee continued to exercise its legislative authority to review bills to place excess federal land into trust for Indian tribes. Restoring tribal homelands continues to be a priority of the Subcommittee, working alongside federal, local and tribal stakeholders. These measures include:

H.R. 1901, *Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act*. On June 7, 2017 the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill and on December 12, 2017 the Full Committee ordered the identical senate bill, S. 825 to be reported. The bill would transfer approximately 19 acres of federal land to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska for health-related purposes. Once the land title is received by the Health Con-



sortium, the hospital expansion and renovations can move forward. S. 825 passed the House and became law on December 18, 2018 (P.L. 115–326).

H.R. 4032, the *Gila River Indian Community Federal Rights-of-Way, Easements and Boundary Clarification Act*. In July 2018, the House passed H.R. 4032, which corrected undocumented rights-of-way or easements on the Gila River Indian Reservation, as well as clarifies the northern boundary of the Reservation. The bill also placed approximately 3,400 acres into trust for the tribe in Maricopa and Pinal counties, Arizona. This bill passed the U.S. Senate and was signed into law in December 2018.

H.R. 146, the *Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act*. In April 2018, the House passed H.R. 146, which takes specified lands in Monroe County, Tennessee, into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

H.R. 1491, the *Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Land Affirmation Act of 2017*. In November 2017, the House passed H.R. 1491, which placed approximately 1,427 acres of federal land in Santa Barbara County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

H.R. 597, the *Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2017*. In July 2017, the House passed H.R. 597 which places land into trust in Sonoma County, California into trust for the benefit of the Lytton Rancheria of California.

#### *Puerto Rico*

Puerto Rico continues to be in a fiscal and economic crisis. The island has accumulated over \$110 billion in combined debt and unfunded pension liabilities and has seen a ten percent decline in population over the past decade. Due to the realities facing the island, and the inability of its local politicians to bring order and transparency to its institutions of government, immediate congressional action was required. Congress, through the leadership of this Committee, has taken concrete measures to alleviate the crisis, including the development and enactment of the *Puerto Rico Oversight and Management & Economic Stability Act* (PROMESA) in the 114th Congress (P.L. 114–187). Conditions on the territory were further complicated by hurricanes Irma and Maria that devastated the island in 2017. The Full Committee has taken a central role in PROMESA-related matters and, in coordination with other congressional committees, oversight of hurricane recovery and rebuilding. The Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources has run point on all issues pertaining to energy production reconstruction and improvements, as well as issues pertaining to Puerto Rico's debt negotiations.

#### *Improvements to the Insular Workforce*

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has struggled with attracting and maintaining a quality workforce for decades due to the island's relative isolation and somewhat stagnant economy. Due to the Commonwealth's political union with the United States, Congress can unilaterally extend U.S. immigration and naturalization laws to the CNMI under the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (CNRA). The CNRA allowed a Commonwealth Only Transitional Worker (CW) classification to help

assist with the CNMI's need for foreign workers to meet demand, as well as a vocational training for U.S. citizens and legal residents. While the CW program was viewed as temporary assistance to help bolster the workforce in the CNMI while U.S. citizens and residents to improve their qualifications, a May 2017 report from the GAO titled "*Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Implementation of Federal Minimum Wage and Immigration Laws*" revealed a doubling in demand for CW permits over a 3 year span (6,325 in 2013 to 13,299 in 2016.) The same report found that foreign workers made up more than half of the CNMI's workforce, a clearly unsustainable system that found an unparalleled amount of wages paid flowing out of the Commonwealth.

To help incentivize the hiring of United States workers in the CMNI, on May 24, 2018 Chairman Bishop introduced H.R. 5956, the *Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act of 2018*. The bill increases the percentage of United States workers in the CNMI by creating incentives for businesses for the hiring, protection, and retention of U.S. workers, as well as increase the annual number of authorized CNMI-only transitional workers and their labor protections. The bill became law on July 24, 2018 (P.L. 115–218).

## II. LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

*June 7, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 1074, To repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation"; H.R. 1901, To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes; and S. 249, A bill to provide that the pueblo of Santa Clara may lease for 99 years certain restricted land, and for other purposes.

*June 21, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 2662, To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to improve the recruitment and retention of employees in the Indian Health Service, restore accountability in the Indian Health Service, improve health services, and for other purposes.

*September 26, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 3535, To restore Federal recognition to the Ruffey Rancheria of California, and for other purposes; H.R. 3650, To provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3744, To provide that an Indian group may receive Federal acknowledgment as an Indian tribe only by an Act of Congress.

*October 4, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 146, To take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes; H.R. 2402, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, to substitute certain land selections of the Navajo Nation, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2606, To amend the Act of August 4, 1947 (commonly known as the Stigler Act), with respect to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

*October 25, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 215, To empower federally recognized Indian tribes to accept restricted fee tribal lands, and for other purposes.

*November 15, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 212, To amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide a process for expediting congressional review of an Indian tribe's funding agreement at the Indian tribe's request, and for other purposes; H.R. 2320, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to place certain lands in Skagit and San Juan Counties, Washington, into trust for the Samish Indian Nation, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3225, To allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to lease or transfer certain lands.

*January 17, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 4506, To provide incentives to encourage tribal job creation and economic activity, and for other purposes.

*February 6, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 231, To fulfill the land conveyance requirements under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for the Alaska Native Village of Canyon Village, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4032, To confirm undocumented Federal rights-of-way or easements on the Gila River Indian Reservation, clarify the northern boundary of the Gila River Indian Community's Reservation, to take certain land located in Maricopa County and Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes.

*April 26, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 211, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to complete a land exchange with the Chugach Regional Alaska Native Corporation, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5317, To repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands.

*July 24, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 5244, To reaffirm the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe reservation, and for other purposes; S. 607, A bill to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities; and S. 1116, A bill to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities.

*September 13, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 4985, To restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes.

### III. OVERSIGHT HEARINGS

*March 9, 2017*—Hearing held on "Improving and Expanding Infrastructure in Tribal and Insular Communities".

*March 22, 2017*—Hearing held on "The Status of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) Restructuring Support Agreement."

*May 23, 2017*—Hearing held on "The Status and Future of the Cobell Land Consolidation Program".

*July 13, 2017*—Hearing held on "Comparing 21st Century Trust Land Acquisition with the Intent of the 73rd Congress in Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act."

*July 25, 2017*—Hearing held on “Assessing Current Conditions and Challenges at the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center in American Samoa.”

*March 20, 2018*—Hearing held on “Policy Priorities for the Administration’s FY 2019 Budget for Indian Affairs and Insular Areas.”

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS

### I. OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chaired by Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR), the Subcommittee continued to ensure the accountability and efficiency of programs and policies within the Committee’s jurisdiction. Through regulatory oversight, assessment of grants and fiscal management, as well as employee misconduct, among other reviews, the Subcommittee exposed waste, fraud, and abuse in order to promote the transparent and effective use of taxpayer dollars.

#### *Regulatory Oversight*

##### *Endangered Species Act*

On March 28, 2017, the Subcommittee held a hearing titled, “ESA Consultation Impediments to Economic and Infrastructure Development.” The hearing reviewed challenges created by section 7 consultation processes under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). On October 3, 2017, the Committee held a legislative hearing, prepared by the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations staff, on five ESA reform bills: H.R. 1274, H.R. 424, H.R. 717, H.R. 2603, and H.R. 3131. These bills sought to improve the ESA by empowering states, ensuring scientific data transparency, streamlining the ESA listing and delisting process, and making more resources available for species recovery. All five bills were reported out of the Committee by February 2018. On September 26, 2018, the Committee held a second legislative hearing, prepared by Subcommittee staff, on nine ESA reform bills: H.R. 3608, H.R. 6344, H.R. 6345, H.R. 6346, H.R. 6354, H.R. 6355, H.R. 6356, H.R. 6360, and H.R. 6364. On September 27, 2018 the Committee reported H.R. 3608, H.R. 6345, and H.R. 6355 out of Committee.

##### *Examining the Impact of Federal Natural Resources Laws*

In hearings held on May 24, 2017 and July 18, 2017, the Subcommittee examined the implementation of five major federal natural resources laws: the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (IRA), the Wilderness Act of 1964, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA), and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA). These two hearings, titled “Examining Impacts of Federal Natural Resources Laws Gone Astray” and “Examining Impacts of Federal Natural Resources Laws Gone Astray, Part II” focused on instances where federal agencies’ application of natural resources laws has expanded beyond congressional intent. Subcommittee members heard testimony from stakeholders, constituents, and experts on how these laws have resulted in burdensome regulations, costly litigation, and other adverse consequences to American taxpayers.

On June 7, 2017 the Subcommittee sent a letter to Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke about the Department of the Interior's (DOI) litigation settlement practices. The Subcommittee requested that DOI provide documents identifying all settlements and consent decrees, where DOI was a defendant, entered into from January 1, 2016 through January 19, 2017. The Subcommittee reviewed responsive documents received from DOI and continues to monitor any litigation, including settlements and consent decrees, involving DOI and its bureaus. On March 22, 2018, Chairman Bishop and Subcommittee Chairman Bruce Westerman wrote to Advisory Council on National Historic Preservation Chairman Milford W. Donaldson urging adoption of Federal Communications Commission regulations permitting colocation of new cellular infrastructure on existing cell towers without requiring individualized consultation with State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers under the NHPA.

*Examining the Impact of Federal Natural Resources Laws on Border Security*

On February 15, 2018, the Subcommittee held a hearing titled "The Costs of Denying Border Patrol Access: Our Environment and Security." This hearing examined challenges faced by Border Patrol agents on federal borderlands and the environmental impact of illegal border crossings and drug smuggling. Subcommittee members heard testimony from stakeholders, including the President of the National Border Patrol Council and a representative of the Arizona Cattleman's Association. Testimony at the hearing reiterated that the remote location of large portions of federally owned borderland make them a popular location for cross border violators (CBVs), such as drug and human smugglers, foreign nationals, and terrorists and terrorist organizations. Moreover, witnesses stated that bureaucratic regulations and policies related to federal natural resources laws slow or impede Border Patrol's operations on federally owned land. Finally, witnesses stated that violence associated with high levels of CBVs deprives the public of access to federally owned lands and large numbers of CBVs cause significant environmental damage.

*Foreign Influence on U.S. Environmental and Natural Resources Policy*

In 2018, the Subcommittee began an investigation into how environmental and natural resources laws, and litigation under those laws by special interest groups, may detrimentally influence U.S. national interests. On February 23, 2018, the U.S. Navy submitted an information paper, in response to a Subcommittee request, stating that "Environmental Laws, and in particular litigation under [MMPA], have on various occasions unreasonably restricted Navy training and testing activities and do, on a daily basis, limit the time, place and types of training activities that [the] Navy is able to conduct." On March 1, 2018, the U.S. Army similarly reported to the Subcommittee that "[c]ompliance with environmental laws, such as the ESA, and the use of environmental laws by interest groups has at certain installations resulted in limitations on training land, accessibility, and on range infrastructure improvement."

On June 13, 2018, Chairman Bishop and Subcommittee Chairman Westerman wrote to Secretary of Defense James Mattis requesting information on how foreign entities may leverage connections with U.S.-based 501(c) organizations to negatively impact U.S. military deployments and training through strategic environmental and natural resources litigation. In addition, Subcommittee staff reviewed relevant court filings by special interest groups participating in environmental and natural resources litigation against the U.S. armed services.

From June to October 2018, Chairman Bishop and Subcommittee Chairman Westerman wrote to several of the special interest groups involved in environmental and natural resources litigation: Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), Earthjustice, and World Resources Institute (WRI) requesting documents and information on their interactions with foreign entities in regards to advocacy for and influence on U.S. natural resources and environmental laws. Subcommittee staff also reviewed relevant communications and documents received from outside sources detailing efforts by foreign entities to influence U.S. environmental and natural resources policy through lobbying and litigation by U.S. based 501(c) organizations. On October 19, 2018, Chairman Bishop and Subcommittee Chairman Westerman wrote to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Christopher Wray seeking information on the FBI's efforts to combat potential foreign interference in U.S. environmental and natural resources policy. The Subcommittee's investigation is on-going.

#### *Insular Affairs*

##### *Oversight of Federal and Territorial Government Response to Hurricanes Irma and Marie*

In September 2017, Hurricanes Irma and Maria struck Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands causing widespread destruction. On October 17, 2017 Chairman Bishop, Subcommittee Chairman Westerman, Indian and Insular Affairs Subcommittee Chairman Doug LaMalfa (R-CA), and Indian and Insular Affairs Subcommittee Vice-Chair Jenniffer González-Colón (R-PR) wrote to both Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator William B. "Brock" Long and FBI Director Christopher Wray requesting a briefing on reports that federal emergency aid was being misappropriated by local government officials in Puerto Rico. Subcommittee staff subsequently received a briefing on the investigations and on FEMA's operations in response to Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

On October 26, 2017, Chairman Bishop and Subcommittee Chairman Westerman wrote to Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) Executive Director Ricardo Ramos regarding a \$300,000,000 contract PREPA entered into with a small engineering firm to rebuild Puerto Rico's damaged electrical grid. The Subcommittee sought information and documents in order to better understand how PREPA decided to enter into the contract. The Subcommittee also sought information and documents on PREPA's decision not to activate its existing mutual aid agreements with utilities based on the U.S. mainland. Subcommittee staff received and

reviewed responsive documents totalling over 2,000 pages. On November 17, 2017, PREPA Executive Director Ramos resigned.

On March 12, 2018, Chairman Bishop, Subcommittee Chairman Westerman, and Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs Chairman Doug LaMalfa wrote to PREPA Interim Executive Director Justo González regarding multiple allegations of corruption in the power restoration process. Allegations included that PREPA officials were accepting or demanding bribes to restore power to residences and businesses. The investigative letter sought information on allegations that PREPA employees restored power to their residences before restoring power to critical public infrastructure such as San Juan’s Rio Piedras Medical Center and the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport and on reports that federal officials raided a previously undisclosed PREPA warehouse containing critical electrical grid components withheld from FEMA contractors. The Subcommittee reviewed documents produced by PREPA and continues to monitor recovery efforts in Puerto Rico.

On July 18, 2018, Chairman Bishop and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) wrote to U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) Governor Kenneth E. Mapp seeking information and documents regarding a USVI Executive Order authorizing the USVI National Guard to “seize arms, ammunition, explosives, and incendiary material and other property” as needed during the 2018 hurricane season. The chairmen expressed concern that the Executive Order’s language empowered the National Guard to seize lawfully owned firearms from U.S. citizens, in violation of their constitutional rights. In writing to Governor Mapp, the chairmen sought clarification on the executive order’s wording and implementation. The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations reviewed document production from the USVI governor’s office. In addition to the documents produced by the USVI governor’s office, the Subcommittee reviewed information provided by national and local stakeholders related to restrictions and obstacles to legal gun ownership in the USVI.

*Ethics and Transparency at the Department of the Interior and U.S. Forest Service*

On February 2, 2017, Chairman Bishop wrote to the Acting Secretary of the Interior Kevin “Jack” Haugrud requesting information and documents on DOI’s employment policies. The chairman expressed concerns about DOI hiring and human resources practices given repeated instances of employee misconduct across all DOI bureaus. On May 3, 2017, Chairman Bishop and then-Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Chairman Raúl Labrador (R-ID) wrote to Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke requesting information on the funding and operations of two climate change adaption programs within DOI, the U.S. Geological Survey’s Climate Science Centers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Survey’s Landscape Conservation Cooperatives.

On October 3, 2017, Chairman Bishop and Subcommittee Chairman Westerman wrote to Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke regarding DOI’s use of non-commercial air travel for official business. The chairmen requested documents sufficient to identify each use of government-owned, rented, leased, or chartered aircraft by the Secretary of the Interior since January 20, 2009, including informa-

tion sufficient to show the dates, destinations, purpose, cost, and approval by the Office of the Solicitor. On October 5, 2017, Chairman Bishop and Subcommittee Chairman Westerman sent a letter to DOI Principal Deputy Solicitor Daniel Jorjani to investigate improper disclosures of internal DOI documents, including deliberative documents prepared for Secretary Zinke and legal memoranda prepared for President Trump. The Committee also received a briefing on DOI's policies and procedures related to the unauthorized disclosure of sensitive documents.

On January 10, 2018, Chairman Bishop and Subcommittee Chairman Westerman wrote to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Acting Director Brian Steed regarding a senior BLM law enforcement's misconduct. The BLM law enforcement officer mishandled evidence and abused the authority of his official position. The Subcommittee received a briefing on BLM's actions to address its law enforcement practices. The law enforcement officer in question was removed from duty.

On January 19, 2018, Subcommittee Chairman Westerman wrote to U.S. Forest Service Chief Tony Tooke concerning contracting and procurement problems in the Forest Service's aerial firefighting tanker program. Specifically, Subcommittee Chairman requested information and documents on the status of the Service's Aerial Firefighting Use and Effectiveness Study (AFUE). As of the date of the letter, the AFUE was two years behind schedule and the results of the study were unknown. Subcommittee staff reviewed over 1,500 pages of documents provided by the Service in response to the January 19, 2018 letter. Subcommittee staff also reviewed documents provided by outside stakeholders, relevant government contracting law provisions, and litigation. Subcommittee staff briefed Subcommittee Chairman Westerman and other committee members on the staff's findings.

On September 4, 2018, Chairman Bishop wrote to Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke regarding the Committee's on-going oversight of employee misconduct issues at DOI. While acknowledging the progress made during Secretary Zinke's tenure, the Chairman's letter highlighted examples of recently exposed employee wrongdoing. The letter requested DOI provide the Committee with documents and information on the Department's new comprehensive anti-harassment policy, the Department's enforcement plan for its revised ethical standards, and a document identifying the number of DOI employees terminated or disciplined for workplace misconduct since January 1, 2015. Subcommittee staff reviewed the responsive documents provided by DOI and received a bipartisan briefing from DOI's senior human capital and ethics officials.

#### *Grants and Fiscal Management*

On April 6, 2017 then-Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Chairman Raúl Labrador (R-ID) wrote a letter to six DOI agencies, the U.S. Forest Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service requesting information about grant awards and cooperative agreements. The Subcommittee also consistently engaged with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) about its grants and cooperative agreement awarding process. As part of the Subcommittee's oversight of DOI's grants and cooperative agreements, the Subcommittee investigated alleged misconduct by a senior FWS



official who failed to properly disclose a conflict of interest. The Subcommittee also coordinated with the Office of the Inspector General to review the FWS official's potentially improper engagement in the decision process of awarding a grant to an organization tied to the official's spouse.

## II. OVERSIGHT HEARINGS

*March 28, 2017*—Hearing held on “ESA Consultation Impediments to Economic and Infrastructure Development.”

*May 24, 2017*—Hearing held on “Examining Impacts of Federal Natural Resources Laws Gone Astray.”

*June 28, 2017*—Hearing held on “Examining Policy Impacts of Excessive Litigation Against the Department of the Interior.”

*July 18, 2017*—Hearing held on “Examining Impacts of Federal Natural Resources Laws Gone Astray, Part II.”

*September 27, 2017*—Hearing held on “Exploring Solutions to Reduce Risks of Catastrophic Wildfire and Improve Resiliency of National Forests.”

*December 7, 2017*—Hearing held on “Transforming the Department of the Interior for the 21st Century.”

*February 15, 2018*—Hearing held on “The Costs of Denying Border Patrol Access: Our Environment and Security.”

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER, POWER AND OCEANS

### I. OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chaired by Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO), the Subcommittee worked towards enhancing and modernizing water and power supplies, providing regulatory certainty and eliminating conflicting federal requirements that endanger American jobs, protecting and promoting fishing access, and instilling federal transparency and accountability while empowering states.

#### *Empowering States*

Whether legislative or oversight in nature, nearly all of the Subcommittee's work revolved around a core agenda of empowering states and the communities directly impacted by statutes and policies under its purview.

Most notably, the Subcommittee advanced a number of Bureau of Reclamation title transfers which give federal water assets to the locals that already operate and maintain the assets being transferred. In all cases, the federal investment in these assets has been, or will be, repaid by the applicant prior to receiving title to the asset. H.R. 6038 and H.R. 6039, both introduced by Rep. Kevin Cramer (R-ND), H.R. 6040 introduced by Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA), H.R. 6652 introduced by Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA), and H.R. 6583 introduced by Chairman Bishop all look to empower local water and power managers by giving them title to the infrastructure assets that they have operated, maintained, and repaid.

The Subcommittee also addressed empowering states with the Committee passage of H.R. 2939, the *Water Rights Protection Act*, introduced by Rep. Scott Tipton (R-CO). In the past, there have been instances where the federal government has tried to require that private entities relinquish their water rights to the federal government as a condition of permitting a land use lease, super-

seeding state law. This bill protects longstanding water rights by prohibiting agencies within the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture from conditioning or withholding the issuance of any permit on the requirement to transfer privately held water rights to the United States.

Unfortunately, federal overreach is not unique to the water and power community. A notable example is in the Gulf of Mexico, where federal overreach and significant inconsistencies between federal and state fisheries data have nearly decimated a regional economy. H.R. 3588, the *RED SNAPPER Act* proposed by Rep. Garrett Graves (R-LA), looks to remedy this longstanding issue of fishery access in the Gulf of Mexico. In addition to expanding State management jurisdiction and providing greater regulatory certainty, the bill requires consideration of collaborative scientific data on species' stock and season duration to be included in the development of fishery management in the Gulf states. Due to Congressman Graves' efforts, the Department of Commerce released Exempted Fishing Permits to implement a pilot program that gives state fishery managers much greater say in the science behind the management of the fishery and the management regulations themselves.

#### *Enhancing and Modernizing Water and Power Supplies*

The Subcommittee began the Congress with an oversight hearing entitled, "Modernizing Western Water and Power Infrastructure in the 21st century." Laying the groundwork for the Subcommittee's water and power agenda, this hearing examined ways to protect existing water and power infrastructure as well as help facilitate the construction of new water and power facilities.

Existing drought conditions, along with regulations on new and existing infrastructure have exacerbated water and power supply uncertainty throughout the West. To that end the Committee passed H.R. 4419, the *Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Project Streamlining Act*, sponsored by Rep. Dan Newhouse. This bill reforms the current cumbersome process required by the Bureau of Reclamation to study the feasibility of new and/or expanded water projects. With aging infrastructure, population growth, and drought conditions, it is critical we modernize our process to expand water storage to meet continuously growing demands.

The Subcommittee also focused on bills to reduce inefficiencies in our current water storage and delivery systems. H.R. 1967, the *Bureau of Reclamation Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act* and H.R. 3281, the *Reclamation Title Transfer and Non-Federal Infrastructure Incentivization Act*, both sponsored by Subcommittee Chairman Lamborn, reduced overbearing and redundant regulation and placed more power into the hands of the local people and entities operating and maintaining water infrastructure projects.

#### *Providing Regulatory Certainty and Eliminating Conflicting Federal Requirements*

The Subcommittee addressed many bills which aim to ensure regulatory certainty while balancing environmental and economic needs.

One of these bills, H.R. 3144, a bipartisan bill introduced by Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), was passed by the Committee and the House. For decades, there has been uncertainty over the operations of existing hydropower in the Pacific Northwest due to federal regulations, court orders and other administrative decisions. This bill provides certainty over the reliable management of the Federal Columbia River Power System. It removes patchwork regulation and requires federal agencies to operate in a manner that is consistent with the current operations plan. Additionally, in September 2018, the Subcommittee conducted an oversight hearing in Pasco, Washington with Representatives McMorris Rodgers and Newhouse to examine the costs and impacts of a water and power system where constant litigation has resulted in the system not being managed by sound science, but by judicial edict.

Another bill of interest is H.R. 4465, the *Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2017*, a bipartisan bill introduced by Rep. John Curtis (R-UT), which was passed by the Committee and the House. This legislation extends the endangered fish recovery programs on the Upper Colorado and San Juan Rivers using funding collected by power generation in the respective basins. This promotes the dual goals of delisting certain Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed species, while at the same time ensuring the continued reliability of water and power operations in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. It also requires a report to Congress on the efficacy and cost effectiveness of the Upper Colorado and San Juan Fish Recovery Programs.

Finally, H.R. 2083, the *Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act* introduced by Rep. Jaime Herrera Buetler (R-WA), garnered wide support, passing the House with a vote of 288–116. It aims to assist in the recovery of ESA-listed salmon in the Columbia River watershed by authorizing permits to allow state and tribal lethal takings of harmful, invasive sealions under certain conditions. Ratepayers in the Pacific Northwest pay premiums on their power rates to fund mitigation programs for ESA-listed endangered Salmon in the Columbia River Basin; allowing invasive sealions to gorge on these protected salmon not only drastically increases the cost of mitigation but fundamentally undermines the goal of recovery for the fish population. A similar bill, S. 311, passed the House and Senate and became law on December 18, 2018 (P.L. 115–329).

#### *Protecting and Promoting Fishing Access*

The Subcommittee also pursued policies to promote proper fishery conservation and stewardship, while recognizing proper tools and flexibility necessary to manage fisheries effectively. H.R. 200, the *Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act*, introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK), passed the House on July 11, 2018. This bill revises and reauthorizes the landmark fishery management law, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) and affords managerial flexibility by allowing Councils to base timeframes on best available science. It also increases public transparency, including greater stakeholder inclusion in planning processes, and requires the Secretary to incorporate cooperative research with fishermen and outside groups.

H.R. 2023, the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2017 introduced by Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA) modernizes federal fisheries management specific to recreational angling. The bill, which aims to increase access for recreational anglers to federal waters, emphasize cooperative federalism in data collection, and facilitate alternative regulatory measures that ditch the “one-size-fits-all” method for practices that may be more appropriate for the respective fishing sectors. A similar bill, S. 1520, passed the House and Senate and became law on December 31, 2108.

The burdens of superfluous fishery regulations are not limited to the Gulf but affect populations on the East Coast as well. H.R. 1411, the *Transparent Summer Flounder Quotas Act*, introduced by Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) aims to mitigate effects of arduous summer flounder quotas—called an “attack on our economy and our way of life” in the Congressman’s home state—and require state and federal entities to manage fisheries under pre-revised frameworks regarding seasonal allowable biological catch.

#### *Federal Transparency and Accountability*

The Subcommittee remains committed to the principles of good governance and Federal accountability. This includes the revision of regulatory resources when warranted. In response to imprecise mapping of coastal areas, the Subcommittee updated the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) through H.R. 2947, introduced by Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL) and H.R. 4880, introduced by Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE) to codify federal corrections to maps covering areas in Florida and Delaware, respectively. These bills implement U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) recommendations, which found various structures to be erroneously added to the CBRA System due to limitations and inaccuracies of the original maps. Due to the outdated technology in the development of these maps, inclusion of these areas would inappropriately prohibit residents from taking advantage of federal benefits.

For that reason, the Subcommittee also advanced multiple bills addressing concerns for bureaucratic transparency, including three by Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ).

To alleviate apprehensions of procedural impropriety by the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), H.R. 2371, the *Western Area Power Administration Transparency Act* was introduced, passed by the Committee and the House. This bill requires the establishment of a pilot project to increase transparency of WAPA’s costs, rates, staffing, and other financial and operational dealings. The program will make an annual summary of updates in information and unobligated balances publicly available on the web.

With much of the Bureau of Reclamation’s (Reclamation) water infrastructure built over 50 years ago, they have developed a backlog of maintenance issues. However, there have been concerns that Reclamation has not been fully transparent in providing the extent of its maintenance backlog. H.R. 660, the *Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act*, which requires Reclamation to compile an infrastructure assessment report every two years, passed the House on September 12, 2018.

H.R. 5556, the *Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act of 2018*, requires Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs) to estimate and report direct and indirect costs associated with any fed-

eral environmental laws impacting the conservation of fish and wildlife to each wholesale firm power customer on a monthly basis. It also directs PMA administrators to provide an annual report on such costs and sources of replacement power to the appropriate Congressional committees. H.R. 5556 passed the Committee on September 20, 2018.

## II. LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

*April 4, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 220, To authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, and for other purposes; H.R. 1411, To continue in effect for the 2017 and 2018 fishing seasons certain fishing specifications for the summer flounder fishery, and for other purposes; and Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs.

*May 18, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 2371, To require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, and for other purposes; and Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and for other purposes. “Water Rights Protection Act.”

*June 8, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 2083, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes; and Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, and for other purposes. “Reclamation Title Transfer Act.”

*September 26, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 200, To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes; H.R. 2023, To modernize recreational fisheries management; H.R. 3588, To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide for management of red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes; and Discussion Draft of H.R. \_\_, To amend and reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and for other purposes.

*October 12, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 3144, To provide for operations of the Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to a certain operation plan for a specified period of time, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3916, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to vest in the Secretary of the Interior functions under that Act with respect to species of fish that spawn in fresh or estuarine waters and migrate to ocean waters, and species of fish that spawn in ocean waters and migrate to fresh waters.

*November 2, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 221, To reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes; H.R. 1176, To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a Working Waterfront Task Force and a working waterfronts grant program, and for other purposes; and S. 140, A bill to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights

Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund.

*November 30, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 4419, To facilitate and streamline the Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs processes for creating or expanding certain water projects, and for other purposes.

*December 6, 2017*—Hearing held on H.R. 4465, To maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, to require a report on the implementation of those programs, and for other purposes.

*February 27, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 2947, To replace certain Coastal Barrier Resources System maps; and H.R. 4880, To revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in Delaware.

*April 17, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 1456, To prohibit the sale of shark fins, and for other purposes; H.R. 4528, To make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5248, To amend and enhance the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act to improve the conservation of sharks.

*July 11, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 5556, To provide for transparency and reporting related to direct and indirect costs incurred by the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration, the Southwestern Power Administration, and the Southeastern Power Administration related to compliance with any Federal environmental laws impacting the conservation of fish and wildlife, and for other purposes; H.R. 6038, To establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota; H.R. 6039, To establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6040, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and facilities of the Central Valley Project.

*September 5, 2018*—Hearing held on H.R. 6583, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Big Sand Wash Project, Utah; and H.R. 6652, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to the Kennewick Irrigation District, and for other purposes.

### III. OVERSIGHT HEARINGS

*March 1, 2017*—Hearing held on “Modernizing Western Water and Power Infrastructure in the 21st Century.”

*March 15, 2017*—Hearing held on “Examining the Creation and Management of Marine Monuments and Sanctuaries.”

*May 3, 2017*—Hearing held on “The Challenges of Keeping Hydropower Affordable and Opportunities for New Development.”

*July 19, 2017*—Hearing held on “Exploring the Successes and Challenges of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.”

*February 14, 2018*—Hearing held on “The State of the Nation’s Water and Power Infrastructure.”

*April 12, 2018*—Hearing held on “Examining the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Spending, Priorities and Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic

and Atmospheric Administration, and the Four Power Marketing Administrations.”

*May 17, 2018*—Hearing held on “Federal Impediments to Commerce and Innovative Injurious Species Management.”

#### JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE

The jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources, as prescribed by clause (m)(1) of Rule X of the Rules of the House is as follows:

- (1) Fisheries and wildlife, including research, restoration, refuges, and conservation.
- (2) Forest reserves and national parks created from the public domain.
- (3) Forfeiture of land grants and alien ownership, including alien ownership of mineral lands.
- (4) Geological Survey.
- (5) International fishing agreements.
- (6) Interstate compacts relating to apportionment of waters for irrigation purposes.
- (7) Irrigation and reclamation, including water supply for reclamation projects and easements of public lands for irrigation projects; and acquisition of private lands when necessary to complete irrigation projects.
- (8) Native Americans generally, including the care and allotment of Native American lands and general and special measures relating to claims that are paid out of Native American funds.
- (9) Insular areas of the United States generally (except those affecting the revenue and appropriations).
- (10) Military parks and battlefields, national cemeteries administered by the Secretary of the Interior, parks within the District of Columbia, and the erection of monuments to the memory of individuals.
- (11) Mineral land laws and claims and entries thereunder.
- (12) Mineral resources of the public lands.
- (13) Mining interests generally.
- (14) Mining schools and experimental stations.
- (15) Marine affairs, including coastal zone management (except for measures relating to oil and other pollution of navigable waters).
- (16) Oceanography.
- (17) Petroleum conservation on public lands and conservation of the radium supply in the United States.
- (18) Preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest on the public domain.
- (19) Public lands generally, including entry, easements, and the grazing thereon.
- (20) Relations of the United States with Native Americans and Native American tribes.
- (21) Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline (except ratemaking).

## RULES FOR THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

*(Adopted February 7, 2017)*

## RULE 1. RULES OF THE HOUSE; VICE CHAIRMEN

## (a) Applicability of House Rules.

(1) The Rules of the House of Representatives, so far as they are applicable, are the rules of the Committee on Natural Resources (hereinafter in these rules referred to as the “Committee”) and its Subcommittees.

(2) Each Subcommittee is part of the Committee and is subject to the authority, direction and rules of the Committee. References in these rules to “Committee” and “Chairman” shall apply to each Subcommittee and its Chairman wherever applicable.

(3) House Rule XI is incorporated and made a part of the rules of the Committee to the extent applicable.

(b) Vice Chairmen.—Unless inconsistent with other rules, the Chairman shall appoint Vice Chairmen of the Committee and the Subcommittees. If the Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee is not present at any meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee, as the case may be, the Vice Chairman shall preside. If the Vice Chairman is not present, the Ranking Member of the Majority party on the Committee or Subcommittee who is present shall preside at that meeting.

## RULE 2. MEETINGS IN GENERAL

(a) Scheduled Meetings.—The Committee shall meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month when the House is in session if so noticed by the Chairman under Committee Rule 3(a). The Committee shall also meet at the call of the Chairman subject to advance notice to all Members of the Committee. Special meetings shall be called and convened by the Chairman as provided in clause 2(c)(1) of House Rule XI. Any Committee meeting or hearing that conflicts with a party caucus, conference, or similar party meeting shall be rescheduled at the discretion of the Chairman, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member. The Committee may not sit during a joint session of the House and Senate or during a recess when a joint meeting of the House and Senate is in progress.

(b) Open Meetings.—Each meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, and each hearing of the Committee or a Subcommittee shall be open to the public, except as provided by clause 2(g) and clause 2(k) of House Rule XI.

(c) Broadcasting.—Whenever a meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, or a hearing is open to the public, that meeting or hearing shall be open to coverage by television, radio, and still photography in accordance with clauses 2(a)(1) and 4 of House Rule XI. The provisions of clause 4(f) of House Rule XI are specifically made part of these rules by reference. To the maximum extent practicable, the Committee shall provide audio and visual coverage of each hearing or meeting for the transaction of business in a manner that allows the public to easily listen to and view the proceedings, and maintain the recordings of such coverage in a manner that is easily accessible to the public. Operation and use of any Committee Internet broadcast sys-



tem shall be fair and nonpartisan and in accordance with clause 4(b) of House Rule XI and all other applicable rules of the Committee and the House.

(d) Authorization and Oversight Plan.—No later than February 15 of the first session of each Congress, the Committee shall adopt its authorization and oversight plan for that Congress in accordance with clause 2(d) of House Rule X.

### RULE 3. MEETING AND HEARING PROCEDURES IN GENERAL

(a) Notice and Information for Members and the Public.

(1) The Chairman shall publicly announce the date, place and subject matter of a Committee hearing or meeting in accordance with clause 2(g)(3) of House Rule XI.

(2) A hearing or meeting may begin sooner if the Chairman, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, determines that there is good cause to begin the meeting or hearing sooner, or if the Committee so determines by majority vote. In these cases, the Chairman shall publicly announce the meeting or hearing at the earliest possible time. The Committee shall promptly notify the Daily Digest Clerk of the Congressional Record and shall promptly make publicly available in electronic form the appropriate information as soon as possible after the public announcement is made.

(3) To the extent practicable, a background memorandum prepared by the Majority staff summarizing the major provisions of any bill being considered by the Committee, including the need for the bill and its effect on current law, will be available for the Members of the Committee and the public no later than 48 hours before the meeting.

(b) Public Availability of Markup Text.—At least 24 hours prior to the markup of any legislation (or at the time of an announcement under paragraph (a)(2) above made within 24 hours before such meeting), the Chairman shall cause the text of such legislation to be made publicly available in electronic form.

(c) Meetings and Hearings to Begin Promptly.—Each meeting or hearing of the Committee shall begin promptly at the time stipulated in the public announcement of the meeting or hearing.

(d) Addressing the Committee.—A Committee Member may address the Committee or a Subcommittee on any bill, motion, or other matter under consideration or may question a witness at a Hearing held only when recognized by the Chairman for that purpose. The time a Member may address the Committee or Subcommittee for any purpose or to question a witness shall be limited to five minutes, except as provided in Committee Rule 4(f). A Member shall limit his remarks to the subject matter under consideration. The Chairman shall enforce the preceding provision.

(e) Quorums.

(1) A majority of the Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting of any measure or recommendation, the authorizing of a subpoena, the closing of any meeting or hearing to the public under clause 2(g)(1), clause 2(g)(2)(A) and clause 2(k)(5)(B) of House Rule XI, and the releasing of executive session materials under clause 2(k)(7) of House Rule X. Testimony and evidence may be received at any hearing at which there are at least two Members of the Committee present. For the purpose of

transacting all other business of the Committee, one-third of the Members shall constitute a quorum.

(2) When a call of the roll is required to ascertain the presence of a quorum, the offices of all Members shall be notified and the Members shall have not less than 15 minutes to prove their attendance. The Chairman shall have the discretion to waive this requirement when a quorum is actually present or whenever a quorum is secured and may direct the relevant Committee Staff to note the names of all Members present within the 15-minute period.

(f) Participation of Members in Committee and Subcommittees.—Any Member of the Committee may sit with any Subcommittee during any meeting or hearing, and by unanimous consent of the Members of the Subcommittee, may participate in such meeting or hearing, except that a former Chairman or former Ranking Member of the Full Committee may participate without unanimous consent. However, a Member who is not a Member of the Subcommittee (including former Full Committee Chairmen or Full Committee Ranking Members) may not vote on any matter before the Subcommittee, be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum or raise points of order.

(g) Proxies.—No vote in the Committee or its Subcommittees may be cast by proxy.

(h) Record Votes.—Record votes shall be ordered on the demand of one-fifth of the Members present, or by any Member in the apparent absence of a quorum.

(i) Postponed Record Votes.

(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Chairman may, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, postpone further proceedings when a record vote is ordered on the question of approving any measure or matter or adopting an amendment. The Chairman shall resume proceedings on a postponed request at any time after reasonable notice, but no later than the next meeting day.

(2) Notwithstanding any intervening order for the previous question, when proceedings resume on a postponed question under paragraph (1), an underlying proposition shall remain subject to further debate or amendment to the same extent as when the question was postponed.

(3) This rule shall apply to Subcommittee proceedings.

(j) Privileged Motions.—A motion to recess from day to day, a motion to recess subject to the call of the Chairman (within 24 hours), and a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution if printed copies are available, are nondebateable motions of high privilege.

(k) Layover and Copy of Bill.—No measure or recommendation reported by a Subcommittee shall be considered by the Committee until two calendar days from the time of Subcommittee action. No bill shall be considered by the Committee unless a copy has been delivered to the office of each Member of the Committee requesting a copy. These requirements may be waived by a majority vote of the Committee at the time of consideration of the measure or recommendation.

(l) Access to Dais and Conference Room.—Access to the hearing rooms' daises (and to the conference rooms adjacent to the Committee hearing rooms) shall be limited to Members of Congress and employees of the Committee during a meeting or hearing of the

Committee, except that Committee Members' personal staff may be present on the daises if their employing Member is the author of a bill or amendment under consideration by the Committee, but only during the time that the bill or amendment is under active consideration by the Committee. Access to the conference rooms adjacent to the Committee hearing rooms shall be limited to Members of Congress and employees of Congress during a meeting or hearing of the Committee.

(m) Cellular Telephones.—The use of cellular telephones is prohibited on the Committee dais or in the Committee hearing rooms during a meeting or hearing of the Committee.

(n) Motion to go to Conference with the Senate.—The Chairman may offer a motion under clause 1 of Rule XXII whenever the Chairman considers it appropriate.

(o) Materials for Record.—Other than witness questions for the hearing record, materials must be submitted within 10 business days following the last day of the hearing or meeting. Witness questions for the hearing record must be submitted to the relevant Full Committee Staff or Subcommittee Clerk within 3 business days following the last day of the hearing. The materials submitted must address the subject matter of the hearing or meeting. Only a Member of the Committee or an invited witness may submit materials for inclusion in the hearing or meeting record.

#### RULE 4. HEARING PROCEDURES

(a) Written Statement; Oral Testimony.—Each witness who is to appear before the Committee or a Subcommittee shall file with the relevant Full Committee Staff or Subcommittee Clerk, at least two working days before the day of his or her appearance, a written statement of their proposed testimony. Each witness shall limit his or her oral presentation to a five-minute summary of the written statement, unless the Chairman, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, extends this time period. Subject to the approval of the Committee, the Chairman may waive oral testimony of any witness who has submitted written testimony for the record. In addition, a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the current calendar year or either of the previous two calendar years by the witness or by the entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing. The disclosure shall include the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing and the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government. Failure to comply with these disclosure requirements may result in the exclusion of the written testimony from the hearing record and/or the barring of an oral presentation of the testimony.

(b) Minority Witnesses.—When any hearing is conducted by the Committee or any Subcommittee upon any measure or matter, the Minority party Members on the Committee or Subcommittee shall be entitled, upon request to the Chairman by a majority of those Minority Members before the completion of the hearing, to call wit-

nesses selected by the Minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least one day of hearings thereon.

(c) Information for Members.—After announcement of a hearing, the Committee shall make available as soon as practicable to all Members of the Committee a tentative witness list and to the extent practicable the Majority staff shall make publicly available a memorandum explaining the subject matter of the hearing (including relevant legislative reports and other necessary material). In addition, the Chairman shall make available to the Members of the Committee any official reports from departments and agencies on the subject matter as they are received.

(d) Subpoenas.—The Committee or a Subcommittee may authorize and issue a subpoena under clause 2(m) of House Rule XI if authorized by a majority of the Members voting. In addition, the Chairman of the Committee may authorize and issue subpoenas during any period of time in which the House of Representatives has adjourned for more than three days. Subpoenas shall be signed only by the Chairman of the Committee, or any Member of the Committee authorized by the Committee, and may be served by any person designated by the Chairman or Member.

(e) Oaths.—The Chairman of the Committee, the Chairmen of the Subcommittees or any Member designated by the Chairman may administer oaths to any witness before the Committee. All witnesses appearing in hearings may be administered the following oath by the Chairman or his designee prior to receiving the testimony: “Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony that you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?”

(f) Opening Statements; Questioning of Witnesses.

(1) Opening statements may be made by the Chairman, Ranking Member, Vice Chair, and Vice Ranking Member only. If a witness scheduled to testify at any hearing of the Committee is a constituent of a Member of the Committee, that Member may be recognized for up to 30 seconds to briefly introduce the witness at the hearing.

(2) The questioning of witnesses in Committee and Subcommittee hearings shall be initiated by the Chairman, followed by the Ranking Minority Member and all other Members alternating between the Majority and Minority parties. In recognizing Members to question witnesses, the Chairman shall take into consideration the ratio of the Majority to Minority Members present and shall establish the order of recognition for questioning in a manner so as not to disadvantage the Members of the Majority or the Members of the Minority. A motion is in order to allow designated Majority and Minority party Members to question a witness for a specified period to be equally divided between the Majority and Minority parties. This period shall not exceed one hour in the aggregate.

(g) Claims of Privilege.—Claims of common-law privileges made by witnesses in hearings, or by interviewees or deponents in investigations or inquiries, are applicable only at the discretion of the Chairman, subject to appeal to the Committee.

#### RULE 5. FILING OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Duty of Chairman.—Whenever the Committee authorizes the favorable reporting of a measure from the Committee, the Chair-

man or his designee shall report the same to the House of Representatives and shall take all steps necessary to secure its passage without any additional authority needing to be set forth in the motion to report each individual measure. In appropriate cases, the authority set forth in this rule shall extend to moving in accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives that the House be resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the measure; and to moving in accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives for the disposition of a Senate measure that is substantially the same as the House measure as reported.

(b) Filing.—A report on a measure which has been approved by the Committee shall be filed within seven calendar days (exclusive of days on which the House of Representatives is not in session) after the day on which there has been filed with the relevant Full Committee Staff a written request, signed by a majority of the Members of the Committee, for the reporting of that measure. Upon the filing with the relevant Full Committee Staff of this request, the Staff shall transmit immediately to the Chairman notice of the filing of that request.

(c) Supplemental, Additional, Dissenting or Minority Views.—Any Member may, if notice is given by any Member at the time a measure or matter is approved by the Committee, file supplemental, additional, dissenting or minority views. These views must be in writing and signed by each Member joining therein and be filed with the Committee Chief Counsel not less than two additional calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays except when the House is in session on those days) of the time the bill or resolution is approved by the Committee. This paragraph shall not preclude the filing of any supplemental report on any measure or matter that may be required for the correction of any technical error in a previous report made by the Committee on that bill or resolution.

(d) Review by Members.—Each Member of the Committee shall be given an opportunity to review each proposed Committee report before it is filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Nothing in this paragraph extends the time allowed for filing supplemental, additional or minority views under paragraph (c).

(e) Disclaimer.—All Committee or Subcommittee reports printed and not approved by a majority vote of the Committee or Subcommittee, as appropriate, shall contain the following disclaimer on the cover of the report:

“This report has not been officially adopted by the {Committee on Natural Resources} {Subcommittee} and may not therefore necessarily reflect the views of its Members.”

#### RULE 6. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES; FULL COMMITTEE JURISDICTION; BILL REFERRAL

(a) Subcommittees.—There shall be five standing Subcommittees of the Committee, with the following jurisdiction and responsibilities:

##### *Subcommittee on Federal Lands*

(1) Measures and matters related to the National Park System and its units, including Federal reserved water rights.

- (2) The National Wilderness Preservation System.
- (3) Wild and Scenic Rivers System, National Trails System, national heritage areas and other national units established for protection, conservation, preservation or recreational development, other than coastal barriers.
- (4) Military parks and battlefields, national cemeteries administered by the Secretary of the Interior, parks in and within the vicinity of the District of Columbia and the erection of monuments to the memory of individuals.
- (5) Federal and non-Federal outdoor recreation plans, programs and administration including the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 and the Outdoor Recreation Act of 1963.
- (6) Preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest on the public domain and other historic preservation programs and activities, including national monuments, historic sites and programs for international cooperation in the field of historic preservation.
- (7) Matters concerning the following agencies and programs: Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program, Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record, and U.S. Holocaust Memorial.
- (8) Public lands generally, including measures or matters relating to entry, easements, withdrawals, grazing and Federal reserved water rights.
- (9) Forfeiture of land grants and alien ownership, including alien ownership of mineral lands.
- (10) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.
- (11) Forest reservations, including management thereof, created from the public domain.
- (12) Public forest lands generally, including measures or matters related to entry, easements, withdrawals, grazing and Federal reserved water rights.
- (13) Wildlife resources, including research, restoration, refuges and conservation, and National Wildlife Refuges.

*Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans*

- (1) Generation and marketing of electric power from Federal water projects by Federally chartered or Federal regional power marketing authorities.
- (2) All measures and matters concerning water resources planning conducted pursuant to the Water Resources Planning Act, water resource research and development programs and saline water research and development.
- (3) Compacts relating to the use and apportionment of interstate waters, water rights and major interbasin water or power movement programs.
- (4) All measures and matters pertaining to irrigation and reclamation projects and other water resources development and recycling programs, including policies and procedures.
- (5) Indian water rights and settlements.
- (6) Rights of way over public lands for energy-related transmission.

(7) Fisheries management and fisheries research generally, including the management of all commercial and recreational fisheries (including the reauthorization of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act), interjurisdictional fisheries, international fisheries agreements, aquaculture, seafood safety, and fisheries promotion.

(8) All matters pertaining to the protection of coastal and marine environments, estuarine protection, and coastal barriers (except coastal zone management).

(9) Oceanography.

(10) Ocean engineering, including materials, technology and systems.

(11) Marine sanctuaries.

(12) U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea.

(13) All matters regarding Antarctica within the Committee's jurisdiction.

(14) Sea Grant programs and marine extension services.

(15) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

#### *Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources*

(1) All measures and matters concerning the U.S. Geological Survey, except for the activities and programs of the Water Resources Division or its successor.

(2) All measures and matters affecting geothermal resources.

(3) Conservation of United States uranium supply.

(4) Mining interests generally, including all matters involving mining regulation and enforcement, including the reclamation of mined lands, the environmental effects of mining, and the management of mineral receipts, mineral land laws and claims, long-range mineral programs and deep seabed mining.

(5) Mining schools, experimental stations and long-range mineral programs.

(6) Mineral resources on public lands.

(7) Conservation and development of oil and gas resources of the Outer Continental Shelf.

(8) Petroleum conservation on the public lands and conservation of the radium supply in the United States.

(9) Measures and matters concerning the transportation of natural gas from or within Alaska and disposition of oil transported by the trans-Alaska oil pipeline.

(10) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

(11) Coastal zone management.

#### *Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs*

(1) Measures relating to the welfare of Native Americans, including management of Indian lands in general and special measures relating to claims which are paid out of Indian funds.

(2) All matters regarding the relations of the United States with Native Americans and Native American tribes, including special oversight functions under House Rule X.

(3) All matters regarding Native Alaskans.

(4) All matters related to the Federal trust responsibility to Native Americans and the sovereignty of Native Americans.

(5) All matters regarding insular areas of the United States.

(6) All measures or matters regarding the Freely Associated States.

(7) All matters regarding Native Hawaiians.

*Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations*

(1) Primary and general oversight and investigative authority on all activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Committee under House Rule X.

(b) Full Committee.—The following measures and matters shall be retained at the Full Committee:

(1) Environmental and habitat measures of general applicability, including the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act.

(2) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Full Committee under this paragraph.

(3) All other measures and matters retained by the Full Committee, including those retained under Committee Rule 6(e).

(4) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Full Committee.

(c) Ex-officio Members.—The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee may serve as ex-officio Members of each standing Subcommittee to which the Chairman or the Ranking Minority Member have not been assigned. Ex-officio Members shall have the right to fully participate in Subcommittee activities but may not vote and may not be counted in establishing a quorum.

(d) Powers and Duties of Subcommittees.—Each Subcommittee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive evidence and report to the Committee on all matters within its jurisdiction. Each Subcommittee shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, execution and effectiveness of those statutes, or parts of statutes, the subject matter of which is within that Subcommittee's jurisdiction; and the organization, operation, and regulations of any Federal agency or entity having responsibilities in or for the administration of such statutes, to determine whether these statutes are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Congress. Each Subcommittee shall review and study any conditions or circumstances indicating the need of enacting new or supplemental legislation within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee. Each Subcommittee shall have general and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

(e) Referral to Subcommittees; Recall.

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) and for those measures or matters retained at the Full Committee, every legislative measure or other matter referred to the Committee shall be referred to



the maximum extent possible to the Subcommittee of jurisdiction within two weeks of the date of its referral to the Committee. If any measure or matter is within or affects the jurisdiction of one or more Subcommittees, the Chairman may refer that measure or matter simultaneously to two or more Subcommittees for concurrent consideration or for consideration in sequence subject to appropriate time limits, or divide the matter into two or more parts and refer each part to a Subcommittee.

(2) The Chairman, with the approval of a majority of the Majority Members of the Committee, may refer a legislative measure or other matter to a select or special Subcommittee. A legislative measure or other matter referred by the Chairman to a Subcommittee may be recalled from the Subcommittee for direct consideration by the Full Committee, or for referral to another Subcommittee, provided Members of the Committee receive one week written notice of the recall and a majority of the Members of the Committee do not object. In addition, a legislative measure or other matter referred by the Chairman to a Subcommittee may be recalled from the Subcommittee at any time by majority vote of the Committee for direct consideration by the Full Committee or for referral to another Subcommittee.

(f) Consultation.—Each Subcommittee Chairman shall consult with the Chairman of the Full Committee prior to setting dates for Subcommittee meetings and hearings with a view towards avoiding whenever possible conflicting Committee and Subcommittee meetings and hearings.

(g) Vacancy.—A vacancy in the membership of a Subcommittee shall not affect the power of the remaining Members to execute the functions of the Subcommittee.

#### RULE 7. TASK FORCES, SPECIAL OR SELECT SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) Appointment.—The Chairman of the Committee is authorized, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, to appoint Task Forces, or special or select Subcommittees, to carry out the duties and functions of the Committee.

(b) Ex-officio Members.—The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee may serve as ex-officio Members of each Task Force, or special or select Subcommittee if they are not otherwise members. Ex-officio Members shall have the right to fully participate in activities but may not vote and may not be counted in establishing a quorum.

(c) Party Ratios.—The ratio of Majority Members to Minority Members, excluding ex-officio Members, on each Task Force, special or select Subcommittee shall be as close as practicable to the ratio on the Full Committee.

(d) Temporary Resignation.—A Member can temporarily resign his or her position on a Subcommittee to serve on a Task Force, special or select Subcommittee without prejudice to the Member's seniority on the Subcommittee.

(e) Chairman and Ranking Minority Member.—The Chairman of any Task Force, or special or select Subcommittee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee. The Ranking Minority Member shall select a Ranking Minority Member for each Task Force, or standing, special or select Subcommittee.

## RULE 8. RECOMMENDATION OF CONFEREES

Whenever it becomes necessary to appoint conferees on a particular measure, the Chairman shall recommend to the Speaker as conferees those Majority Members, as well as those Minority Members recommended to the Chairman by the Ranking Minority Member, primarily responsible for the measure. The ratio of Majority Members to Minority Members recommended for conferences shall be no greater than the ratio on the Committee.

## RULE 9. COMMITTEE RECORDS

(a) Segregation of Records.—All Committee records shall be kept separate and distinct from the office records of individual Committee Members serving as Chairmen or Ranking Minority Members. These records shall be the property of the House and all Members shall have access to them in accordance with clause 2(e)(2) of House Rule XI.

(b) Availability.—The Committee shall make available to the public for review at reasonable times in the Committee office transcripts of public meetings and hearings, except those that are unrevised or unedited and intended solely for the use of the Committee.

(c) Archived Records.—Records of the Committee which are deposited with the National Archives shall be made available for public use pursuant to House Rule VII. The Chairman of the Committee shall notify the Ranking Minority Member of any decision, pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4(b) of House Rule VII, to withhold, or to provide a time, schedule or condition for availability of any record otherwise available. At the written request of any Member of the Committee, the matter shall be presented to the Committee for a determination and shall be subject to the same notice and quorum requirements for the conduct of business under Committee Rule 3.

(d) Records of Closed Meetings.—Notwithstanding the other provisions of this rule, no records of Committee meetings or hearings which were closed to the public pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives shall be released to the public unless the Committee votes to release those records in accordance with the procedure used to close the Committee meeting.

(e) Classified Materials.—All classified materials shall be maintained in an appropriately secured location and shall be released only to authorized persons for review, who shall not remove the material from the Committee offices without the written permission of the Chairman.

(f) Committee Information Available for the Public.—In addition to any other requirement of these rules or the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Chairman shall cause to be made available publicly in electronic form the following:

(1) a record of the votes on any question on which a recorded vote is taken which shall be posted no later than 24 hours after the vote is taken that shall include:

- (i) a copy of the amendment or a detailed description of the motion, order or other proposition; and
- (ii) the name of each Member voting for and each Member voting against such amendment, motion, order, or proposition,

the names of those Members voting present, and the names of any Member not present.

(2) copies of all amendments adopted in Committee by voice vote or unanimous consent within 24 hours of the adoption of the amendment.

(3) the rules of the Committee, once adopted, and any amendments thereto, in accordance with clause 2(a)(2) of House Rule XI.

(4) the statements required under the second sentence of clause 2(g)(5) of House Rule XI, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy of the witness, which shall be posted no later than one day after the witness appears before the Committee.

#### RULE 10. COMMITTEE BUDGET AND EXPENSES

(a) Budget.—At the beginning of each Congress, after consultation with the Chairman of each Subcommittee and the Ranking Minority Member, the Chairman shall present to the Committee for its approval a budget covering the funding required for staff, travel, and miscellaneous expenses.

(b) Expense Resolution.—Upon approval by the Committee of each budget, the Chairman, acting pursuant to clause 6 of House Rule X, shall prepare and introduce in the House a supporting expense resolution, and take all action necessary to bring about its approval by the Committee on House Administration and by the House of Representatives.

(c) Amendments.—The Chairman shall report to the Committee any amendments to each expense resolution and any related changes in the budget.

(d) Additional Expenses.—Authorization for the payment of additional or unforeseen Committee expenses may be procured by one or more additional expense resolutions processed in the same manner as set out under this rule.

(e) Monthly Reports.—Copies of each monthly report, prepared by the Chairman for the Committee on House Administration, which shows expenditures made during the reporting period and cumulative for the year, anticipated expenditures for the projected Committee program, and detailed information on travel, shall be available to each Member.

#### RULE 11. COMMITTEE STAFF

(a) Rules and Policies.—Committee staff members are subject to the provisions of clause 9 of House Rule X, as well as any written personnel policies the Committee may from time to time adopt.

(b) Majority and Nonpartisan Staff.—The Chairman shall appoint, determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the legislative and administrative employees of the Committee not assigned to the Minority. The legislative and administrative staff of the Committee not assigned to the Minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the Chairman, who shall establish and assign the duties and responsibilities of these staff members and delegate any authority he determines appropriate.

(c) Minority Staff.—The Ranking Minority Member of the Committee shall appoint, determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the legislative and administrative staff assigned to the Minority within the budget approved for those purposes. The legislative and administrative staff assigned to the Minority shall be

under the general supervision and direction of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee who may delegate any authority the Ranking Member determines appropriate.

(d) Availability.—The skills and services of all Committee staff shall be available to all Members of the Committee.

#### RULE 12. COMMITTEE TRAVEL

In addition to any written travel policies the Committee may from time to time adopt, all travel of Members and staff of the Committee or its Subcommittees, to hearings, meetings, conferences and investigations, including all foreign travel, must be authorized by the Full Committee Chairman prior to any public notice of the travel and prior to the actual travel. In the case of Minority staff, all travel shall first be approved by the Ranking Minority Member. Funds authorized for the Committee under clauses 6 and 7 of House Rule X are for expenses incurred in the Committee's activities within the United States.

#### RULE 13. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE RULES

The rules of the committee may be modified, amended, or repealed, by a majority vote of the committee, provided that written notice of the proposed change has been provided each member of the committee prior to the meeting date on which the changes are to be discussed and voted on consistent with committee rule 3(a). A change to the rules of the committee shall be published in the congressional record no later than 30 days after its approval and made publicly available in electronic form.

#### RULE 14. OTHER PROCEDURES

The Chairman may establish procedures and take actions as may be necessary to carry out the rules of the Committee or to facilitate the effective administration of the Committee, in accordance with the rules of the Committee and the Rules of the House of Representatives.

## APPENDIX I

### PRINTED HEARINGS

115-1—Oversight Hearing on “Improving and Expanding Infrastructure in Tribal and Insular Communities.” March 9, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs)

115-2—Oversight Hearing on “Examining the Creation and Management of Marine Monuments and Sanctuaries.” March 15, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans)

115-3—Oversight Hearing on “The Status of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) Restructuring Support Agreement.” March 22, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs)

115-4—Oversight Hearing on “ESA Consultation Impediments to Economic and Infrastructure Development.” March 28, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation)

115-5—Oversight Hearing on “Examining the Consequences of Executive Branch Overreach of the Antiquities Act.” May 2, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Federal Lands)

115-6—Oversight Hearing on “The Status and Future of the Cobell Land Consolidation Program.” May 23, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs)

115-7—Oversight Hearing on “Examining Impacts of Federal Natural Resources Laws Gone Astray.” May 24, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations) [*See also Serial No. 115-16*]

115-8—Legislative Hearing on Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_\_, To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to authorize partnerships between States and non-governmental entities for the purpose of reclaiming and restoring land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining activities before August 3, 1977, and other purposes, “Community Reclamation Partnerships Act.” May 24, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

115-9—Legislative Hearing on Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_\_, To expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes. “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017”. June 15, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Federal Lands)

115-10—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 2662, To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to improve the recruitment and retention of employees in the Indian Health Service, restore accountability in the Indian Health Service, improve health services, and

for other purposes. June 21, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs)

*115-11*—Oversight Hearing on “Examining the Department of the Interior’s Spending Priorities and the President’s Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposal.” June 22, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*115-12*—Oversight Hearing on “Examining Policy Impacts of Excessive Litigation Against the Department of the Interior.” June 28, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations)

*115-13*—Oversight Hearing on “Examining Access to Oil and Gas Development on Federal Lands.” June 29, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*115-14*—Oversight Hearing on “Evaluating Federal Offshore Oil and Gas Development on the Outer Continental Shelf.” July 12, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*115-15*—Oversight Hearing on “Comparing 21st Century Trust Land Acquisition with the Intent of the 73rd Congress in Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act.” July 13, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Native American Affairs)

*115-16*—Oversight Hearing on “Examining Impacts of Federal Natural Resources Laws Gone Astray, Part II.” July 18, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations)  
[See also *Serial No. 115-7*]

*115-17*—Oversight Hearing on “Promoting Onshore Oil and Gas Development in Alaska.” July 18, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*115-18*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 424, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue final rules relating to listing of the gray wolf in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; H.R. 717, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require review of the economic cost of adding a species to the list of endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; H.R. 1274, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require making available to States affected by determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species all data that is the basis of such determinations, and for other purposes; H.R. 2603, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that nonnative species in the United States shall not be treated as endangered species or threatened species for purposes of that Act; and H.R. 3131, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to conform citizen suits under that Act with other existing law, and for other purposes. July 19, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*115-19*—Oversight Hearing on “Exploring the Successes and Challenges of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.” July 19, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

*115-20*—Oversight Hearing on “Seeking Innovative Solutions for the Future of Hardrock Mining.” July 20, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*115-21*—Oversight Hearing on “Assessing Current Conditions and Challenges at the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center

in American Samoa.” July 25, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs)

115-22—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 200, To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes; H.R. 2023, To modernize recreational fisheries management; H.R. 3588, To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide for management of red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes; and Discussion Draft of H.R. \_\_, To amend and reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and for other purposes. September 26, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans)

115-23—Oversight Hearing on “Exploring Solutions to Reduce Risks of Catastrophic Wildfire and Improve Resiliency of National Forests.” September 27, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations)

115-24—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3144, To provide for operations of the Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to a certain operation plan for a specified period of time, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3916, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to vest in the Secretary of the Interior functions under that Act with respect to species of fish that spawn in fresh or estuarine waters and migrate to ocean waters, and species of fish that spawn in ocean waters and migrate to fresh waters. October 12, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans)

115-25—Oversight Hearing on “Empowering State Based Management Solutions for Greater Sage Grouse Recovery.” October 25, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

115-26—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 221, To reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes; H.R. 1176, To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a Working Waterfront Task Force and a working waterfronts grant program, and for other purposes; and S. 140, A bill to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund. November 2, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans)

115-27—Oversight Hearing on “Examining Challenges in Puerto Rico’s Recovery and the Role of the Financial Oversight and Management Board.” November 7, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

115-28—Oversight Hearing on “The Need for Transparent Financial Accountability in Territories’ Disaster Recovery Efforts.” November 14, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

115-29—Oversight Hearing on “Modernizing NEPA for the 21st Century.” November 29, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

115-30—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4419, To facilitate and streamline the Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs processes for creating or expanding certain water projects, and for other purposes.” November 30, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans)

115-31—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4465, “Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2017.” December 6, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans)

115-32—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4558, To provide greater conservation, recreation, economic development and local management of Federal lands in Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah. December 14, 2017, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Federal Lands)

115-33—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4532, To create the first Tribally managed national monument, and for other purposes. January 9, 2018 (Part 1); and January 30, 2018 (Part 2), Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Federal Lands)

115-34—Oversight Hearing on “Examining the Department of the Interior’s Actions to Eliminate Onshore Energy Burdens.” January 18, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

115-35—Oversight Hearing on “Deficiencies in the Permitting Process for Offshore Seismic Research.” January 19, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

115-36—Oversight Hearing on “The Costs of Denying Border Patrol Access: Our Environment and Security.” February 15, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations)

115-37—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 2591, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation, and for other purposes; H.R. 4429, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a rule relating to extension of the expiration dates for double-crested cormorant depredation orders, and for other purposes; H.R. 4609, To provide for the conveyance of a Forest Service site in Dolores County, Colorado, to be used for a fire station; H.R. 4647, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4851, To establish the Kennedy-King National Historic Site in the State of Indiana, and for other purposes. February 15, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Federal Lands)

115-38—Oversight Hearing on “Liquefied Natural Gas and U.S. Geopolitics.” February 27, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

115-39—Oversight Hearing on “Exploring Innovative Solutions to Reduce the Department of the Interior’s Maintenance Backlog.” March 6, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

115-40—Oversight Hearing on “Policy Priorities at the Department of the Interior and the Administration’s Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Proposal.” March 15, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

115-41—Oversight Hearing on “Abandoned Hardrock Mines and the Role of Non-Governmental Entities.” March 15, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

115-42—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 2584, To amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, and



for other purposes; and H.R. 5210, To establish the National Park Restoration Fund, and for other purposes. March 20, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Federal Lands)

115-43—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1456, To prohibit the sale of shark fins, and for other purposes; H.R. 4528, To make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5248, To amend and enhance the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act to improve the conservation of sharks. April 17, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans)

115-44—Oversight Hearing on “The Weaponization of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Implications of Environmental Lawfare.” April 25, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

115-45—Oversight Hearing on “Federal Impediments to Commerce and Innovative Injurious Species Management.” May 17, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans)

115-46—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 5597, To provide for the expansion of the Desert Tortoise Habitat Conservation Plan, Washington County, Utah; H.R. 5751, To redesignate Golden Spike National Historic Site and to establish the Transcontinental Railroad Network; and H.R. 5875, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws, and for other purposes. May 22, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Federal Lands)

115-47—Legislative Hearing on Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recover the cost of processing administrative protests for oil and gas lease sales, applications for permits to drill, and right of way applications, and for other purposes; Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To clarify the categorical exclusions authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and authorize additional categorical exclusions to streamline the oil and gas permitting process, and for other purposes; Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize notifications of permit to drill, and for other purposes; and Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, To clarify that Bureau of Land Management shall not require permits for oil and gas activities conducted on non-Federal surface estate to access subsurface mineral estate that is less than 50 percent Federally owned, and for other purposes. June 6, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

115-48—Oversight Hearing on “Wildfire Risk, Forest Health, and Associated Management Priorities of the U.S. Forest Service.” June 7, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Federal Lands)

115-49—Legislative Hearing on Discussion Draft H.R. \_\_, “Enhancing State Management of Federal Lands and Waters Act.” June 14, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

115-50—Oversight Hearing on “The Essential Role of Livestock Grazing on Federal Lands and its Importance to Rural America.” July 12, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Federal Lands)

115-51—Oversight Hearing on “Management Crisis at the Puer-to Rico Electric Power Authority and Implications for Recovery.” July 25, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

115-52—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 6583, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Big Sand Wash Project, Utah; and H.R. 6652, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to the Kennewick Irrigation District, and for other purposes. September 5, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans)

115-53—Oversight Field Hearing in Pasco, Washington, on “The Federal Columbia River Power System: The Economic Lifeblood & Way of Life for the Pacific Northwest.” September 10, 2018, Pasco, Washington. (Full Committee)

115-54—Oversight Field Hearing in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on “Historic Leasing in the National Park System: Assessing Challenges and Building on Successes.” September 17, 2018, Hot Springs, Arkansas. (Full Committee)

115-55—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3608, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; H.R. 6344, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to encourage voluntary conservation efforts; H.R. 6345, To provide for greater county and State consultation with regard to petitions under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; H.R. 6346, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for consideration of the totality of conservation measures in determining the impact of proposed Federal agency action; H.R. 6354, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to prohibit designation as critical habitat of certain areas in artificial water diversion or delivery facilities; H.R. 6355, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to define petition backlogs and provide expedited means for discharging petitions during such a backlog; H.R. 6356, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for improved precision in the listing, delisting, and downlisting of endangered species and potentially endangered species; H.R. 6360, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for greater certainty and improved planning for incidental take permit holders; and H.R. 6364, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to increase State and local involvement in management plans. September 26, 2018, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

## APPENDIX II

### LEGISLATION PASSED/FAILED TO PASS THE HOUSE

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT PASSED THE HOUSE

*[Asterisk (\*) denotes bills that the Committee on Natural Resources was not the lead Committee]*

01/04/2017—H.J. Res. 3, Approving the location of a memorial to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces who

served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield. Passed House by voice vote.

01/30/2017—H.R. 46, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Fort Ontario in the State of New York. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-255*)

01/30/2017—H.R. 339, To amend Public Law 94-241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-53*)

01/30/2017—H.R. 374, To remove the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105-384, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 388-0. (*Public Law 115-49*)

01/30/2017—H.R. 381, To designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point”. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-109*)

01/30/2017—H.R. 538, To redesignate Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia and revise its boundary, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 396-8.

01/30/2017—H.R. 558, To adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

01/30/2017—H.R. 560, To amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-101*)

02/01/2017—H.J. Res. 38, Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the Stream Protection Rule. Passed House by a vote of 228-194. (*Public Law 115-5*)

02/03/2017—H.J. Res. 36, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation”. Passed House by a vote of 221-191.

02/06/2017—H.R. 337, To transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 407-0.

02/06/2017—H.R. 494, To expand the boundary of Fort Frederica National Monument in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

02/06/2017—H.R. 618, To authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

02/06/2017—H.R. 688, To adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

02/06/2017—H.R. 689, To insure adequate use and access to the existing Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment within the Holy Cross Wilderness in Eagle County, Colorado, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 409-1.

02/06/2017—H.R. 698, To require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the

State of Colorado, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-252*)

02/07/2017—H.J. Res. 44, Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior relating to Bureau of Land Management regulations that establish the procedures used to prepare, revise, or amend land use plans pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. Passed House by a vote of 234-186. (*Public Law 115-12*)

02/14/2017—H.R. 428, To survey the gradient boundary along the Red River in the States of Oklahoma and Texas, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 250-171.

02/16/2017—H.J. Res. 69, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of the Interior relating to “Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska”. Passed House by a vote of 225-193. (*Public Law 115-20*)

02/27/2017—H.R. 88, To modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-xxx*)

02/27/2017—H.R. 228, To amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-93*)

02/27/2017—H.R. 699, To amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon. Passed House by a vote of 415-1. (*Public Law 115-110*)

02/27/2017—H.R. 863, To facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 369-42. (*Public Law 115-111*)

03/15/2017—H.R. 132, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and appurtenances of the Arbuckle Project, Oklahoma, to the Arbuckle Master Conservancy District, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 407-1.

03/15/2017—H.R. 267, To redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-108*)

03/15/2017—H.R. 648, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to amend the Definite Plan Report for the Seedskadee Project to enable the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir. Passed House by a vote of 408-0.

05/17/2017—H.R. 984, To extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-121*)

06/21/2017—H.R. 1873, To amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to enhance the reliability of the electricity

grid and reduce the threat of wildfires to and from electric transmission and distribution facilities on Federal lands by facilitating vegetation management on such lands. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 300–118.

06/22/2017—H.R. 1654, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 233–180.

06/27/2017—H.R. 220, To authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 424–1. (*Public Law 115–201*)

06/27/2017—H.R. 497, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal lands in San Bernardino County, California, to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, and to accept in return certain non-Federal lands, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 424–0.

06/27/2017—H.R. 1073, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a structure for visitor services on the Arlington Ridge tract, in the area of the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

06/27/2017—H.R. 1135, To reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program. Passed House by voice vote.

06/27/2017—H.R. 1967, To amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–xxx*)

06/28/2017—H.R. 1500, To redesignate the small triangular property located in Washington, DC, and designated by the National Park Service as reservation 302 as “Robert Emmet Park”, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 423–0.

07/11/2017—H.R. 597, To take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton Rancheria of California, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

07/11/2017—H.R. 954, To remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–116*)

07/11/2017—H.R. 1306, To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–103*)

07/11/2017—H.R. 1397, To authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 406–0. (*Public Law 115–190*)

07/11/2017—H.R. 1404, To provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona. Passed House by voice vote.

07/11/2017—H.R. 1541, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain property related to the Fort Scott National

Historic Site in Fort Scott, Kansas, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

07/11/2017—H.R. 1719, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, for inclusion in the John Muir National Historic Site, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 401–15. (*Public Law 115–191*)

07/11/2017—H.R. 1913, To establish the Clear Creek National Recreation Area in San Benito and Fresno Counties, California, to designate the Joaquin Rocks Wilderness in such counties, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

07/11/2017—H.R. 2156, To provide for the establishment of a national memorial and national monument to commemorate those killed by the collapse of the Saint Francis Dam on March 12, 1928, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

07/12/2017—H.R. 23, To provide drought relief in the State of California, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 230–190.

07/19/2017—H.R. 2883\*, To establish a more uniform, transparent, and modern process to authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of international border-crossing facilities for the import and export of oil and natural gas and the transmission of electricity. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 254–175.

07/20/2017—H.R. 218, To provide for the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Alaska for the construction of a road between King Cove and Cold Bay. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 248–179.

07/26/2017—H.R. 1927, To amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–104*)

07/26/2017—H.R. 2370, To authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance. Passed House by voice vote.

07/28/2017—H.R. 873, To authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–51*)

09/12/2017—H.R. 2611, To modify the boundary of the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 390–0. (*Public Law 115–117*)

10/02/2017—H.R. 289, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to issue permits for recreation services on lands managed by Federal agencies, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/02/2017—H.R. 965, To redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park”, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 401–0.

10/02/2017—H.R. 1547, To provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City. Passed House by a vote of 401–0.

10/02/2017—H.R. 2316, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act and the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to repeal provisions relating only to the Allegheny National Forest. Passed House by voice vote.

10/02/2017—H.R. 2582, To authorize the State of Utah to select certain lands that are available for disposal under the Pony Express Resource Management Plan to be used for the support and benefit of State institutions, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/02/2017—H.R. 2937, To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to authorize partnerships between States and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of reclaiming and restoring land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining activities before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

10/31/2017—H.R. 2921\*, To establish a vegetation management pilot program on National Forest System land to better protect utility infrastructure from passing wildfire, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

11/01/2017—H.R. 1074, To repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation”. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–301*)

11/01/2017—H.R. 1488, To retitle Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore as Indiana Dunes National Park, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

11/01/2017—H.R. 2600, To provide for the conveyance to the State of Iowa of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

11/01/2017—H.R. 2936\*, To expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 232–188.

11/01/2017—H.R. 3279, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide that extraction of helium from gas produced under a Federal mineral lease shall maintain the lease as if the helium were oil and gas. Passed House by voice vote.

11/07/2017—H.R. 1900\*, To designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–186*)

11/28/2017—H.R. 995, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

11/28/2017—H.R. 1491, To reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa

Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

11/28/2017—H.R. 2615, To authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-279*)

11/28/2017—H.R. 2768, To designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak”. Passed House by a vote of 409–0.

11/28/2017—H.R. 3115, To provide for a land exchange involving Federal land in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Weeks Law, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 309–99.

11/30/2017—H.R. 3905, To require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 216–204.

12/07/2017—H.R. 4300, To authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and for other purposes. Passed House without objection. (*Public Law 115-170*)

12/12/2017—H.R. 2872\*, To amend the Federal Power Act to promote hydropower development at existing nonpowered dams, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

12/18/2017—H.R. 3979, To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer services, community partnership, and refuge education programs of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 371–14. (*Public Law 115-168*)

01/10/2018—S. 140\*, A bill to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 239–173.

01/16/2018—H.R. 1107, To promote conservation, improve public land management, and provide for sensible development in Pershing County, Nevada, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

01/16/2018—H.R. 1532, To reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

01/16/2018—H.R. 2897, To authorize the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service to enter into cooperative management agreements for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

01/16/2018—S. 117\*, A bill to designate a mountain peak in the State of Montana as “Alex Diekmann Peak”. Passed House by a vote of 400–3. (*Public Law 115-122*)



02/05/2018—H.R. 2504, To ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the export of certain echinoderms. Passed House by voice vote.

02/05/2018—H.R. 2888, To establish the Ste. Genevieve National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

02/06/2018—H.R. 219, To correct the Swan Lake hydroelectric project survey boundary and to provide for the conveyance of the remaining tract of land within the corrected survey boundary to the State of Alaska. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–200*)

02/07/2018—H.R. 2371, To require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

02/07/2018—S. 1438\*, A bill to redesignate the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in the State of Missouri as the “Gateway Arch National Park”. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–128*)

03/13/2018—H.R. 1350, To modify the boundary of Voyageurs National Park in the State of Minnesota, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

03/13/2018—H.R. 1800, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

03/13/2018—H.R. 3469, To designate the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foothills Parkway (commonly known as “Bridge 2”) as the “Dean Stone Bridge”. Passed House by voice vote.

03/13/2018—H.R. 4266, To clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

03/13/2018—H.R. 4465, To maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, to require a report on the implementation of those programs, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 392–6.

03/19/2018—H.R. 835, To update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument. Passed House by a vote of 385–3.

03/19/2018—H.R. 4851, To establish the Kennedy-King National Historic Site in the State of Indiana, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 391–0. (*Public Law 115–163*)

04/16/2018—H.R. 146, To take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 383–2.

04/16/2018—H.R. 443, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

04/16/2018—H.R. 3607, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish fees for medical services provided in units of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

04/16/2018—H.R. 3961, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Kissimmee River and its tributaries in the State of Florida for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

04/16/2018—H.R. 4609, To provide for the conveyance of a Forest Service site in Dolores County, Colorado, to be used for a fire station. Passed House by voice vote.

04/16/2018—S. 167\*, A bill to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas. Passed House by a vote of 384–1. (*Public Law 115–169*)

04/25/2018—H.R. 3144, To provide for operations of the Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to a certain operation plan for a specified period of time, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 225–189.

04/27/2018—H.R. 4\*, To reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 393–13.

05/07/2018—H.R. 4910\*, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 388–0. (*Public Law 115–184*)

05/10/2018—H.R. 3053\*, To amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 340–72.

05/15/2018—H.R. 1417, To amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to allow the Museum to acquire, receive, possess, collect, ship, transport, import, and display firearms, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–321*)

05/15/2018—H.R. 4895, To establish the Medgar Evers Home National Monument in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

05/15/2018—S. 1285\*, A bill to allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribes to lease or transfer certain lands. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–179*)

05/16/2018—S. 35\*, A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 407–0. (*Public Law 115–175*)

05/16/2018—S. 2372\*, A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 347–70.

06/05/2018—H.R. 801, To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/05/2018—H.R. 1026, To revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/05/2018—H.R. 2991, To establish the Susquehanna National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 373–9.

06/05/2018—H.R. 3997, To waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans demonstrations and special events at war memorials on Federal land, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/05/2018—H.R. 5005, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the birthplace of James Weldon Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida, as a unit of the National Park System. Passed House by a vote of 374–5.

06/05/2018—H.R. 5655, To establish the Camp Nelson Heritage National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 376–4.

06/05/2018—H.R. 5956, To incentivize the hiring of United States workers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–218*)

06/25/2018—H.R. 221, To reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/25/2018—H.R. 805, To authorize the conveyance of and remove the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands in the City of Tulare, California. Passed House by voice vote.

06/25/2018—H.R. 857, To provide for conservation and enhanced recreation activities in the California Desert Conservation Area, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/25/2018—H.R. 1791, To establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/25/2018—H.R. 3392, To provide for stability of title to certain land in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/25/2018—H.R. 4257, To maximize land management efficiencies, promote land conservation, generate education funding, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/25/2018—H.R. 4528, To make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–228*)

06/25/2018—H.R. 5751, To redesignate Golden Spike National Historic Site and to establish the Transcontinental Railroad Network. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/26/2018—H.R. 2083, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 288–116.

07/11/2018—H.R. 200, To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 222–193.

07/11/2018—H.R. 2075, To adjust the eastern boundary of the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls and Deschutes Canyon Wilderness Study Areas in the State of Oregon to facilitate fire prevention and response activities to protect private property, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/12/2018—H.R. 3281, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 233–184.

07/17/2018—H.R. 3777, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land containing the Nephi Work Center in Juab County, Utah, to Juab County. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/17/2018—H.R. 4032, To confirm undocumented Federal rights-of-way or easements on the Gila River Indian Reservation, clarify the northern boundary of the Gila River Indian Community's Reservation, to take certain land located in Maricopa County and Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-xxx*)

07/17/2018—H.R. 4645, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-229*)

07/18/2018—H.R. 1037, To authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 414–0. (*Public Law 115-275*)

07/23/2018—H.R. 1220, To establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107–62, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/23/2018—H.R. 2630, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/23/2018—H.R. 3045, To amend the National Trails System Act to extend the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/23/2018—H.R. 5613, To designate the Quindaro Townsite in Kansas City, Kansas, as a National Commemorative Site. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/23/2018—H.R. 5875, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such

Acts and related laws, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/23/2018—H.R. 5979, To establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/23/2018—H.R. 6077, Recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/12/2018—H.R. 660, To require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets. Passed House by voice vote.

09/12/2018—H.R. 2591, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/12/2018—H.R. 2606, To amend the Act of August 4, 1947 (commonly known as the Stigler Act), with respect to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-xxx*)

09/12/2018—H.R. 3186, To establish an Every Kid Outdoors program, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 383–2.

09/12/2018—H.R. 3764, To extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/12/2018—H.R. 4689, To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska. Passed House by a vote of 378–1. (*Public Law 115-xxx*)

09/12/2018—H.R. 4824, To allow certain State and tribal permitting authority to encourage expansion of broadband service to rural and tribal communities, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/12/2018—H.R. 5317, To repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-304*)

09/12/2018—H.R. 5532, To redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/12/2018—H.R. 5923, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain public lands in Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 379–3. (*Public Law 115-xxx*)

09/12/2018—H.R. 6040, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and facilities of the Central Valley Project. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/12/2018—H.R. 6287, To provide competitive grants for the operation, security, and maintenance of certain memorials to vic-

tims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-xxx*)

09/25/2018—H.R. 5585, To extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission. Passed House by voice vote.

09/25/2018—H.R. 6013, To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to establish January 31 of each year as the Federal framework closing date for the duck hunting season and to establish special duck hunting days for youths, veterans, and active military personnel, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/25/2018—H.R. 6299, To modify the process of the Secretary of the Interior for examining certain mining claims on Federal lands in Storey County, Nevada, to facilitate certain pinyon-juniper-related projects in Lincoln County, Nevada, to modify the boundaries of certain wilderness areas in the State of Nevada, to fully implement the White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/25/2018—H.R. 6599, To modify the application of temporary limited appointment regulations to the National Park Service, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/25/2018—H.R. 6687, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore in the State of California consistently with Congress' long-standing intent to continue to authorize working dairies and ranches on agricultural property as part of the seashore's unique historic, cultural, scenic and natural values, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/25/2018—H.Res. 418, Urging the Secretary of the Interior to recognize the cultural significance of Rib Mountain by adding it to the National Register of Historic Places. House agreed to the resolution without objection.

09/25/2018—H.Res. 460, Requesting the Secretary of the Interior to recognize the rich history of the logging industry and the importance of lumberjack sports by adding the Lumberjack Bowl to the National Register of Historic Places. House agreed to the resolution without objection.

09/25/2018—H.R. 5420, To authorize the acquisition of land for addition to the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 394–15.

11/13/2018—H.R. 4033, To reauthorize the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992. Passed House by voice vote.

11/13/2018—H.R. 5636, To designate additions to the Flatside Wilderness on the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-xxx*)

11/13/2018—H.R. 5706, To establish the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in the State of Hawai'i and the Honouliuli National Historic Site in the State of Hawai'i, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

11/13/2018—H.R. 6064, To rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge. Passed House by a vote of 385–4, 2 Present.

11/13/2018—H.R. 6146, To authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in Yavapai County, Arizona, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

11/14/2018—H.R. 6666, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant to States and local governments easements and rights-of-way over Federal land within Gateway National Recreation Area for construction, operation, and maintenance of projects for control and prevention of flooding and shoreline erosion. Passed House by voice vote.

11/16/2018—H.R. 5787, To amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to give effect to more accurate maps of units of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System that were produced by digital mapping of such units, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 375–1. (*Public Law 115–xxx*)

11/16/2018—H.R. 6784, To provide for removal of the gray wolf in the contiguous 48 States from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife published under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Passed House by a vote of 196–180.

11/27/2018—S. 1768\*, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2017. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115–307*)

12/10/2018—H.R. 3008, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the George W. Bush Childhood Home, located at 1412 West Ohio Avenue, Midland, Texas, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 382–4, 2 Present.

12/10/2018—H.R. 5513, To provide for an exchange of lands with San Bernardino County, California, to enhance management of lands within the San Bernardino National Forest, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

12/10/2018—H.R. 6108, To provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

12/10/2018—H.R. 6118, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to annually designate at least one city in the United States as an “American World War II Heritage City”, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

12/10/2018—H.R. 6665, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

12/10/2018—H. Res. 792, Urging the Secretary of the Interior to recognize the historical significance of Roberto Clemente’s place of death near Pinones in Loiza, Puerto Rico, by adding it to the National Register of Historic Places. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 385–1, 2 Present.

12/10/2018—S. 245, A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-325*)

12/10/2018—S. 2511, A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 115-xxx*)

12/11/2018—H. Res. 1157\*, Reaffirming the strong commitment of the United States to the countries and territories of the Pacific Islands region. Agreed to by voice vote.

12/11/2018—S. 825\*, A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 403-3. (*Public Law 115-326*)

12/19/2018—H.R. 6652, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to the Kennewick Irrigation District, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by a vote of 359-1. (*Public Law 115-xxx*)

12/20/2018—H.R. 6602, To reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, and for other purposes. Passed House by a vote of 382-9. (*Public Law 115-xxx*)

#### BILLS THAT FAILED TO PASS THE HOUSE

06/21/2018—H.R. 4760\*, To amend the immigration laws and the homeland security laws, and for other purposes. Failed to pass the House under suspension of the rules by a vote of 193-231 (Roll no. 282).

06/27/2018—H.R. 6136\*, To amend the immigration laws and provide for border security, and for other purposes. Failed to pass the House under suspension of the rules by a vote of 121-301 (Roll no. 296).



## APPENDIX III

### PUBLIC LAWS ENACTED

*[Asterisk (\*) denotes bills that were not referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, but contain provisions under the jurisdiction of the Committee]*

Public Law 115–5: H.J. Res. 38, Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the Stream Protection Rule.

Public Law 115–12: H.J. Res. 44, Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior relating to Bureau of Land Management regulations that establish the procedures used to prepare, revise, or amend land use plans pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

Public Law 115–18: S.J. Res 1\* (H.J. Res. 3), A joint resolution approving the location of a memorial to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield.

Public Law 115–20: H.J. Res. 69, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of the Interior relating to “Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska”.

Public Law 115–31: H.R. 244\* (H.R. 513, H.R. 1668, H.R. 1715, H.R. 2104), Making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes. (*Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017*)

Public Law 115–49: H.R. 374, To remove the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105–384, and for other purposes.

Public Law 115–51: H.R. 873, To authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. (*Global War on Terrorism War Memorial Act*)

Public Law 115–53: H.R. 339, To amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands. (*Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act*)

Public Law 115–93: H.R. 228, To amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, and for other purposes. (*Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017*)

Public Law 115–101: H.R. 560, To amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to

the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

Public Law 115–103: H.R. 1306, To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes. (*Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act*)

Public Law 115–104: H.R. 1927, To amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes. (*African American Civil Rights Network Act of 2017*)

Public Law 115–108: H.R. 267, To redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes. (*Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park Act of 2017*)

Public Law 115–109: H.R. 381, To designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point”.

Public Law 115–110: H.R. 699, To amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon. (*Mount Hood Cooper Spur Land Exchange Clarification Act*)

Public Law 115–111: H.R. 863, To facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

Public Law 115–116: H.R. 954, To remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes.

Public Law 115–117: H.R. 2611, To modify the boundary of the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, and for other purposes. (*Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act*)

Public Law 115–121: H.R. 984, To extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe. (*Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017*)

Public Law 115–122: S. 117, A bill to designate a mountain peak in the State of Montana as “Alex Diekmann Peak”. (*Alex Diekmann Peak Designation Act of 2017*)

Public Law 115–128: S. 1438, A bill to redesignate the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in the State of Missouri as the “Gateway Arch National Park”. (*Gateway Arch National Park Designation Act*)

Public Law 115–141: H.R. 1625\* (H.R. 216, H.R. 1281, H.R. 1873, H.R. 2888, H.R. 4134, H.R. 5133), To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, and for other purposes. (*Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018*)

Public Law 115–163: H.R. 4851, To establish the Kennedy-King National Commemorative Site in the State of Indiana, and for other purposes. (*Kennedy-King National Commemorative Site Act*)

Public Law 115–168: H.R. 3979, To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer services, community part-

nership, and refuge education programs of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes. (*Keep America's Refuges Operational Act*)

Public Law 115–169: S. 167, A bill to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas. (*National Memorial to Fallen Educators Act*)

Public Law 115–170: H.R. 4300, To authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and for other purposes. (*Admiral Lloyd R. 'Joe' Vasey Pacific War Commemorative Display Establishment Act*)

Public Law 115–175: S. 35, A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, and for other purposes. (*Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act*)

Public Law 115–179: S. 1285, A bill to allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribes to lease or transfer certain lands. (*Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act*)

Public Law 115–184: H.R. 4910, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, and for other purposes. (*Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act*)

Public Law 115–186: H.R. 1900, To designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, and for other purposes. (*National Veterans Memorial and Museum Act*)

Public Law 115–190: H.R. 1397, To authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, and for other purposes.

Public Law 115–191: H.R. 1719, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, for inclusion in the John Muir National Historic Site, and for other purposes. (*John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act*)

Public Law 115–200: H.R. 219, To correct the Swan Lake hydroelectric project survey boundary and to provide for the conveyance of the remaining tract of land within the corrected survey boundary to the State of Alaska. (*Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project Boundary Correction Act*)

Public Law 115–201: H.R. 220, To authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, and for other purposes.

Public Law 115–218: H.R. 5956, To incentivize the hiring of United States workers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes. (*Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act of 2018*)

Public Law 115–227: S. 2850\* (S. 140, S. 249), A bill to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act

of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund.

Public Law 115–228: H.R. 4528, To make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes.

Public Law 115–229: H.R. 4645, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. (*East Rosebud Wild and Scenic Rivers Act*)

Public Law 115–232: H.R. 5515\* (H.R. 1800), To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes. (*John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019*)

Public Law 115–252: H.R. 698, To require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes. (*Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest Conveyance Act of 2017*)

Public Law 115–255: H.R. 46, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Fort Ontario in the State of New York. (*Fort Ontario Study Act*)

Public Law 115–265: S. 3508\* (H.R. 2748), A bill to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, and for other purposes. (*Save Our Seas Act of 2018*)

Public Law 115–270: S. 3021\* (H.R. 648, H.R. 4329), An Act to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to provide for water pollution control activities, and for other purposes. (*America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018*)

Public Law 115–275: H.R. 1037, To authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

Public Law 115–279: H.R. 2615, To authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes. (*Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act*)

Public Law 115–282: S. 140\* (H.R. 221, H.R. 5319), A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes. (*Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018*)

Public Law 115–301: H.R. 1074, To repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation”.

Public Law 115–304: H.R. 5317, To repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands.

Public Law 115–306: S. 440\* (H.R. 6038), A bill to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota.

Public Law 115–307: S. 1768, A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, and for other purposes. (*National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2018*)

Public Law 115–308: S. 2074\* (H.R. 6039), A bill to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes.

Public Law 115–321: H.R. 1417, To amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to allow the Museum to acquire, receive, possess, collect, ship, transport, import, and display firearms, and for other purposes. (*National Law Enforcement Museum Exhibits Act*)

Public Law 115–325: S. 245, A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes. (*Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2017*)

Public Law 115–326: S. 825, A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes. (*Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2017*)

Public Law 115–329: S. 3119\* (H.R. 2083), A bill to allow for the taking of sea lions on the Columbia River and its tributaries to protect endangered and threatened species of salmon and other non-listed fish species. (*Endangered Salmon Predation Prevention Act*)

Public Law 115–334: H.R. 2\* (H.R. 2218, H.R. 2504, H.R. 2921, H.R. 3543, H.R. 4609, H.R. 4976, H.R. 5530), To provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes. (*Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018*)

Public Law 115–xxx: H.R. 2606, To amend the Act of August 4, 1947 (commonly known as the Stigler Act), with respect to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and for other purposes. (*Stigler Act Amendments of 2018*)

Public Law 115–xxx: S. 2511, A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems, and for other purposes. (*CENOTE Act of 2018*)

Public Law 115–xxx: H.R. 4032, To confirm undocumented Federal rights-of-way or easements on the Gila River Indian Reservation, clarify the northern boundary of the Gila River Indian Community’s Reservation, to take certain land located in Maricopa County and Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes. (*Gila River Indian Community Federal Rights-of-Way, Easements and Boundary Clarification Act*)

Public Law 115–xxx: S. 1520\* A bill to expand recreational fishing opportunities through enhanced marine fishery conservation and management, and for other purposes. (*Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018*)

Public Law 115–xxx: H.R. 5923, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain public lands in Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes. (*Walnut Grove Land Exchange Act*)

Public Law 115–xxx: H.R. 5787 (H.R. 2947, H.R. 4880), To amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to give effect to more accurate maps of units of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System that were produced by digital mapping of such units, and for other purposes. (*Strengthening Coastal Communities Act of 2018*)

Public Law 115–xxx: S. 2200\*, A bill to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes. (*National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization Act of 2018*)

Public Law 115–xxx: H.R. 6652, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to the Kennewick Irrigation District, and for other purposes.

Public Law 115–xxx: H.R. 6602, To reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, and for other purposes.

Public Law 115–xxx: H.R. 88, To modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes. (*Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act*)

Public Law 115–xxx: H.R. 6287, To provide competitive grants for the operation, security, and maintenance of certain memorials to victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. (*9/11 Memorial Act*)

Public Law 115–xxx: S. 3456\*, A bill to redesignate Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge as the Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.

Public Law 115–xxx: H.R. 5636, To designate additions to the Flatside Wilderness on the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes. (*Flatside Wilderness Enhancement Act*)

Public Law 115–xxx: H.R. 4689, To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska.

Public Law 115–xxx: H.R. 1967, To amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs. (*Bureau of Reclamation Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act*)

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*Public Law 115–xxx\**: Designates a bill that was signed by the President, but not assigned a Public Law number prior to the filing of this report.

APPENDIX IV

COMMITTEE PRINTS

FIRST SESSION

115–A Rules for the Committee on Natural Resources, 115th Congress (*Adopted: February 7, 2017*)

SECOND SESSION

115–B Natural Resources Committee Legislative Calendar, 115th Congress (*First and Second Sessions, 2017–2018*)





## APPENDIX V

### COMMITTEE BILL REPORTS FILED

*House Report 115–113 (H.R. 1073)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a structure for visitor services on the Arlington Ridge tract, in the area of the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–114 (H.R. 1500)*, To redesignate the small triangular property located in Washington, DC, and designated by the National Park Service as reservation 302 as “Robert Emmet Park”, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–123 (H.R. 1715)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–154 (H.R. 220)*, To authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–155 (H.R. 497)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public lands in San Bernardino County, California, to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, and to accept in return certain exchanged non-public lands, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–156 (H.R. 660)*, To require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets.

*House Report 115–157 (H.R. 1135)*, To reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program.

*House Report 115–158 (H.R. 1967)*, To amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs.

*House Report 115–165, Part 1, (H.R. 1873)*, To amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to enhance the reliability of the electricity grid and reduce the threat of wildfires to and from electric transmission and distribution facilities on Federal lands by facilitating vegetation management on such lands.

*House Report 115–166 (H.R. 1654)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–202 (H.R. 597)*, To take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton Rancheria of California, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-203 (H.R. 954)*, To remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-204 (H.R. 1306)*, To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-205 (H.R. 1404)*, To provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona.

*House Report 115-206, Part 1, (H.R. 1397)*, To authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-207 (H.R. 1541)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain property related to the Fort Scott National Historic Site in Fort Scott, Kansas, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-208 (H.R. 1719)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, for inclusion in the John Muir National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-209 (H.R. 1913)*, To establish the Clear Creek National Recreation Area in San Benito and Fresno Counties, California, to designate the Joaquin Rocks Wilderness in such counties, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-210 (H.R. 2156)*, To provide for the establishment of a national memorial and national monument to commemorate those killed by the collapse of the Saint Francis Dam on March 12, 1928, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-218 (H.R. 218)*, To provide for the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Alaska for the construction of a road between King Cove and Cold Bay.

*House Report 115-236 (H.R. 2370)*, To authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance.

*House Report 115-241 (H.R. 1927)*, To amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-242 (S. 249)*, A bill to provide that the pueblo of Santa Clara may lease for 99 years certain restricted land, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-256 (H.R. 2053)*, To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to enhance and support mining and mineral engineering programs in the United States by funding activities at mining schools, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-257, Part I, (H.R. 2939)*, To prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-260 (H.R. 2937)*, To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to authorize partnerships between States and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of reclaiming and restoring land and water resources adversely affected

by coal mining activities before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-264 (H.R. 873)*, To authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-277 (H.R. 965)*, To redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the "Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park", and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-278, Part 1, (H.R. 1807)*, To exempt from the Lacey Act and the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers between any of the States of Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

*House Report 115-279 (H.R. 1074)*, To repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation".

*House Report 115-280 (H.R. 1547)*, To provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City.

*House Report 115-281 (H.R. 2075)*, To adjust the eastern boundary of the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls Wilderness Study Area in the State of Oregon to facilitate fire prevention and response activities in order to protect adjacent private property, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-282 (H.R. 2371)*, To require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-287 (H.R. 3115)*, To provide for a land exchange involving Federal land in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Weeks Law, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-288 (H.R. 2316)*, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act and the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to repeal provisions relating only to the Allegheny National Forest.

*House Report 115-289 (H.R. 2083)*, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-290 (H.R. 2611)*, To modify the boundary of the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-291 (H.R. 2768)*, To designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as "Fowler Peak" and "Boskoff Peak".

*House Report 115-302 (H.R. 2615)*, To authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-305 (H.R. 2582)*, To authorize the State of Utah to select certain lands that are available for disposal under

the Pony Express Resource Management Plan to be used for the support and benefit of State institutions, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–311 (H.R. 2374)*, To facilitate certain pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, Nevada, to modify the boundaries of certain wilderness areas in the State of Nevada, and to fully implement the White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act.

*House Report 115–312 (H.R. 2423)*, To implement certain measures relating to management of Washington County, Utah, required by Public Law 111–11.

*House Report 115–314, Part 1, (H.R. 3668)*, To provide for the preservation of sportsmen’s heritage and enhance recreation opportunities on Federal land, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–319 (H.R. 1491)*, To reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–320, Part 1, (H.R. 289)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to issue permits for recreation services on lands managed by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–321, Part 1, (H.R. 825)*, To promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–322 (H.R. 2199)*, To improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–334 (H.R. 3281)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–336 (H.R. 1107)*, To promote conservation, improve public land management, and provide for sensible development in Pershing County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–349 (H.R. 1769)*, To affirm an agreement between the United States and Westlands Water District dated September 15, 2015, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–350 (H.R. 1488)*, To retitle Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore as Indiana Dunes National Park, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–351, Part 1, (H.R. 1731)*, To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide funds to States and Indian tribes for the purpose of promoting economic revitalization, diversification, and development in economically distressed communities through the reclamation and restoration of land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining carried out before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–364 (H. Res. 555)*, Of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit, respectively, certain documents and other information to the House of Representatives relating to the executive order on the review of

designations under the Antiquities Act. (*Privileged Resolution; Adverse Report with Dissenting Views*)

*House Report 115-365 (H.R. 3279)*, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide that extraction of helium from gas produced under a Federal mineral lease shall maintain the lease as if the helium were oil and gas.

*House Report 115-368 (H.R. 2600)*, To provide for the conveyance to the State of Iowa of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-370, Part 1, (H.R. 2936)*, To expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-413 (H.R. 2907)*, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop and publish an all-of-the-above quadrennial Federal onshore energy production strategy to meet domestic energy needs, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-421 (H.R. 3469)*, To designate the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foothills Parkway (commonly known as "Bridge 2") as the "Dean Stone Bridge".

*House Report 115-422 (H.R. 3905)*, To require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-427, Part 1, (H.R. 995)*, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations.

*House Report 115-436, Part 2, (H.R. 2897)*, To authorize the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service to enter into cooperative management agreements for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-438, (H.R. 3979)*, To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer services, community partnership, and refuge education programs of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-441, (S. 140)*, A bill to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund.

*House Report 115-442, (H.R. 1800)*, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs.

*House Report 115-450, (H.R. 4300)*, To authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-455, (H.R. 1399)*, To reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-470 (H.R. 1350)*, To modify the boundary of Voyageurs National Park in the State of Minnesota, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-487 (H.R. 424)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue final rules relating to listing of the gray wolf in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-501 (H.R. 4475)*, To provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System.

*House Report 115-502 (H.R. 4568)*, To amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under geothermal leases, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-506, Part 1, (H.R. 2504)*, To ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the export of certain echinoderms.

*House Report 115-507 (S. 1285)*, A bill to allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribes to lease or transfer certain lands.

*House Report 115-513 (H.R. 1532)*, To reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-515 (H.R. 4033)*, To reauthorize the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

*House Report 115-516 (S. 117)*, A bill to designate a mountain peak in the State of Montana as "Alex Diekmann Peak".

*House Report 115-526 (H.R. 4266)*, To clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-527 (H.R. 4264)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land in Cache County, Utah, to the City of Hyde Park for public purposes.

*House Report 115-532 (H.R. 219)*, To correct the Swan Lake hydroelectric project survey boundary and to provide for the conveyance of the remaining tract of land within the corrected survey boundary to the State of Alaska.

*House Report 115-533 (H.R. 2711)*, To designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas.

*House Report 115-534 (H.R. 3058)*, To redesignate the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in the State of Missouri as the "Gateway Arch National Park".

*House Report 115-535 (H.R. 443)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-536 (H.R. 2630)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-540 (H.R. 2888)*, To establish the Ste. Genevieve National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-541 (H.R. 1157)*, To clarify the United States interest in certain submerged lands in the area of the Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-542, Part 1, (H.R. 4299)*, To provide for the indefinite duration of certain military land withdrawals, to improve the management of lands currently subject to such withdrawals and to make the management of such lands more transparent, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-545 (H.R. 1778)*, To provide that an order by the Secretary of the Interior imposing a moratorium on Federal coal leasing shall not take effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-548 (H.R. 1417)*, To amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to allow the Museum to acquire, receive, possess, collect, ship, transport, import, and display firearms, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-560 (H.R. 717)*, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require review of the economic cost of adding a species to the list of endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-561 (H.R. 1274)*, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require making available to States affected by determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species all data that is the basis of such determinations, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-562 (H.R. 2603)*, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that nonnative species in the United States shall not be treated as endangered species or threatened species for purposes of that Act.

*House Report 115-563, Part 1, (H.R. 3131)*, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to conform citizen suits under that Act with other existing law, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-564 (H.R. 3225)*, To allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to lease or transfer certain lands.

*House Report 115-565 (H.R. 3607)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish fees for medical services provided in units of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-566 (H.R. 1220)*, To establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107-62, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-567 (H.R. 4465)*, To maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, to require a report on the implementation of those programs, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-579 (H.R. 805)*, To authorize the conveyance of and remove the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands in the City of Tulare, California.

*House Report 115-580 (H.R. 835)*, To update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument.

*House Report 115-581 (H.R. 4134)*, To redesignate the White Clouds Wilderness in the Sawtooth and Challis National Forests in the State of Idaho as the Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness in honor of former Idaho Governor and Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus.

*House Report 115-584 (H.R. 146)*, To take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-612 (H.R. 4851)*, To establish the Kennedy-King National Commemorative Site in the State of Indiana, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-615 (S. 466)*, A bill to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest.

*House Report 115-616 (H.R. 3008)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the George W. Bush Childhood Home, located at 1412 West Ohio Avenue, Midland, Texas, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-619, Part 1, (S. 825)*, A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-624 (H.R. 4609)*, To provide for the conveyance of a Forest Service site in Dolores County, Colorado, to be used for a fire station.

*House Report 115-625 (H.R. 5133)*, To reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-626, Part 1, (S. 35)*, A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-630 (H.R. 401)*, To designate the mountain at the Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming, as Devils Tower, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-631 (H.R. 520)*, To require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to the economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-632 (H.R. 4895)*, To establish the Medgar Evers National Monument in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-633 (H.R. 801)*, To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.



*House Report 115-634 (H.R. 3961)*, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Kissimmee River and its tributaries in the State of Florida for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-643, Part 1, (H.R. 3144)*, To provide for operations of the Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to a certain operation plan for a specified period of time, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-644 (H.R. 5005)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the birthplace of James Weldon Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida, as a unit of the National Park System.

*House Report 115-658 (H.R. 3997)*, To waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans demonstrations and special events at war memorials on Federal land, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-666 (H.R. 4645)*, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

*House Report 115-667 (H.R. 1026)*, To revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-669 (H.R. 1037)*, To authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-670 (H.R. 2991)*, To establish the Susquehanna National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-675 (H.R. 4069)*, To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify the treatment of authentic Alaska Native articles of handicraft containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-695 (H.R. 5655)*, To establish the Camp Nelson Heritage National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-700 (H.R. 4689)*, To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska.

*House Report 115-703 (H.R. 5317)*, To repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands.

*House Report 115-707, Part 1, (H.R. 788)*, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

*House Report 115-709 (H.R. 1791)*, To establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-735 (H.R. 224)*, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies

taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-736 (H.R. 221)*, To reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-758 (H.R. 200)*, To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-768 (H.R. 3392)*, To provide for stability of title to certain land in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-775 (H.R. 4528)*, To make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-782 (H.R. 5751)*, To redesignate Golden Spike National Historic Site and to establish the Transcontinental Railroad Network.

*House Report 115-802 (H.R. 5875)*, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-803 (H.R. 3777)*, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land containing the Nephi Work Center in Juab County, Utah, to Juab County.

*House Report 115-817 (H.R. 4032)*, To confirm undocumented Federal rights-of-way or easements on the Gila River Indian Reservation, clarify the northern boundary of the Gila River Indian Community's Reservation, to take certain land located in Maricopa County and Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-833 (H.R. 1482)*, To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-838 (H.R. 3916)*, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to vest in the Secretary of the Interior functions under that Act with respect to species of fish that spawn in fresh or estuarine waters and migrate to ocean waters, and species of fish that spawn in ocean waters and migrate to fresh waters.

*House Report 115-839 (H.R. 577)*, To designate a peak in the State of Nevada as Maude Frazier Mountain.

*House Report 115-840 (H.R. 3045)*, To amend the National Trails System Act to extend the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-854 (H.R. 6077)*, Recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York.

*House Report 115-855 (H.R. 5979)*, To establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-856 (H.R. 5613)*, To designate the Quindaro Townsite in Kansas City, Kansas, as a National Commemorative Site.

*House Report 115–880, Part 1, (H.R. 3186)*, To establish an Every Kid Outdoors program, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–881, Part 1, (H.R. 4824)*, To allow certain State permitting authority to encourage expansion of broadband service to rural communities, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–895 (H.R. 6146)*, To authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in Yavapai County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–896 (H.R. 5597)*, To provide for the expansion of the Desert Tortoise Habitat Conservation Plan, Washington County, Utah.

*House Report 115–899 (H.R. 2591)*, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–900 (H.R. 6038)*, To establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota.

*House Report 115–901 (H.R. 6039)*, To establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–902 (H.R. 2606)*, To amend the Act of August 4, 1947 (commonly known as the Stigler Act), with respect to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–911 (H.R. 6040)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and facilities of the Central Valley Project.

*House Report 115–921 (H.R. 6088)*, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize notifications of permit to drill, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–922 (H.R. 5923)*, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain public lands in Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–927 (H.R. 5532)*, To redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–928 (H.R. 3764)*, To extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–930 (H.R. 6287)*, To provide competitive grants for the operation, security, and maintenance of certain memorials to victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

*House Report 115–931 (S. 2857)*, A bill to designate the Nordic Museum in Seattle, Washington, as the “National Nordic Museum”, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–953 (H.R. 3744)*, To provide that an Indian group may receive Federal acknowledgment as an Indian tribe only by an Act of Congress.

*House Report 115–954 (H.R. 5556)*, To provide for transparency and reporting related to direct and indirect costs incurred by the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration, the Southwestern Power Administration, and the Southeastern Power Administration related to compliance with any Fed-

eral environmental laws impacting the conservation of fish and wildlife, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-955 (H.R. 6106)*, To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to clarify the authorized categorical exclusions and authorize additional categorical exclusions to streamline the oil and gas permitting process, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-967 (H.R. 6599)*, To modify the application of temporary limited appointment regulations to the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-968 (H.R. 6687)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore in the State of California consistently with Congress' long-standing intent to continue to authorize working dairies and ranches on agricultural property as part of the seashore's unique historic, cultural, scenic and natural values, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-969 (H.R. 6013)*, To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to establish January 31 of each year as the Federal framework closing date for the duck hunting season and to establish special duck hunting days for youths, veterans, and active military personnel, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-970 (H.R. 5420)*, To authorize the acquisition of land for addition to the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-971, Part 1, (H.R. 6299)*, To modify the process of the Secretary of the Interior for examining certain mining claims on Federal lands in Storey County, Nevada, to facilitate certain pinyon-juniper-related projects in Lincoln County, Nevada, to modify the boundaries of certain wilderness areas in the State of Nevada, to fully implement the White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-986 (H.R. 6064)*, To rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge.

*House Report 115-988 (H.Res. 792)*, Urging the Secretary of the Interior to recognize the historical significance of Roberto Clemente's place of death near Pinones in Loiza, Puerto Rico, by adding it to the National Register of Historic Places.

*House Report 115-989 (H.R. 5636)*, To designate additions to the Flatside Wilderness on the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-990, Part 1, (H.R. 5171)*, To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account.

*House Report 115-991 (H.R. 5706)*, To establish the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in the State of Hawai'i and the Honouliuli National Historic Site in the State of Hawai'i, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-992 (H.R. 4644)*, To withdraw certain National Forest System land in the Emigrant Crevice area located in the Custer Gallatin National Forest, Park County, Montana, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115-993 (H.R.210)*, To facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–994 (H.R. 6302)*, To enact as law certain regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cormorants.

*House Report 115–995 (H.R. 6666)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant to States and local governments easements and rights-of-way over Federal land within Gateway National Recreation Area for construction, operation, and maintenance of projects for control and prevention of flooding and shoreline erosion.

*House Report 115–996 (H.R. 5513)*, To provide for an exchange of lands with San Bernardino County, California, to enhance management of lands within the San Bernardino National Forest, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–997 (H.R. 5787)*, To amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to give effect to more accurate maps of units of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System that were produced by digital mapping of such units, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–998 (H.R. 6118)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to annually designate at least one city in the United States as an “American World War II Heritage City”, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–999, Part 1, (H.R. 3117)*, To prohibit the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality from considering the social cost of carbon, the social cost of methane, or the social cost of nitrous oxide, in taking any action, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1000 (H.R. 4239)*, To distribute revenues from oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental Shelf to certain coastal States, to require sale of approved offshore oil and gas leases, to promote offshore wind lease sales, and to empower States to manage the development and production of oil and gas on available Federal land, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1001 (H.R. 4419)*, To facilitate and streamline the Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs processes for creating or expanding certain water projects, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1002 (H.R. 5347)*, To facilitate resolution of environmental remediation and reclamation, resolve potential liability of the United States, and promote economic development in Lyon County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1004 (H.R. 6107)*, To clarify that Bureau of Land Management shall not require permits for oil and gas activities conducted on non-Federal surface estate to access subsurface mineral estate that is less than 50 percent Federally owned, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1005 (H.R. 6087)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recover the cost of processing administrative protests for oil and gas lease sales, applications for permits to drill, and right of way applications, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1006 (H.R. 6434)*, To amend section 7 of Public Law 100–515 (16 U.S.C. 1244 note) to promote continued use of the James J. Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory at Gateway National Recreation Area by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

*House Report 115–1012 (H.R. 6784)*, To provide for removal of the gray wolf in the contiguous 48 States from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife published under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

*House Report 115–1013 (H.R. 2365)*, To convey certain Federal land in California to Apple Valley, California, Twentynine Palms, California, Barstow, California, and Victorville, California.

*House Report 115–1029 (H.R. 6665)*, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1030 (H.R. 3133)*, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce unnecessary permitting delays by clarifying associated procedures to increase economic development and support coastal restoration programs, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1031 (H.R. 553)*, To redesignate Gravelly Point Park, located along the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Arlington County, Virginia, as the Nancy Reagan Memorial Park, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1032 (H.R. 1349)*, To amend the Wilderness Act to ensure that the use of bicycles, wheelchairs, strollers, and game carts is not prohibited in Wilderness Areas, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1035, Part 1, (H.R. 1675)*, To establish a national program to identify and reduce losses from landslide hazards, to establish a national 3D Elevation Program, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1037 (S. 607)*, A bill to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities.

*House Report 115–1038, Part 1, (H.R. 237)*, To reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1039, Part 1, (H.R. 2085)*, To approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1040 (H.R. 6108)*, To provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1047 (H.R. 3588)*, To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide for management of red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1048 (H.R. 3608)*, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1049 (H.R. 4731)*, To extend the retained use estate for the Caneel Bay resort in St. John, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1050 (H.R. 6346)*, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for consideration of the totality of conservation measures in determining the impact of proposed Federal agency action.

*House Report 115–1051 (H.R. 6345)*, To provide for greater county and State consultation with regard to petitions under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1052 (H.R. 6365)*, To establish the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Land Grant-Merced Claims Commission and other Federal policies for the restoration of land for hardships resulting from the incomplete and inequitable implementation of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, to affirm Land Grant-Merced property rights protected by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1053 (H.R. 6678)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain National Park Service land in Fairfax County, Virginia, to the Friends of the Claude Moore Farm.

*House Report 115–1057, Part 1, (S. 245)*, A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1058 (H.R. 1418)*, To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1059 (S. 669)*, A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1060, Part 1, (H.R. 6682)*, To amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the transparency and oversight of land conveyances involving disposal or acquisition of National Forest System lands or Bureau of Land Management public lands, to provide protections and certainty for private landowners related to resurveying such public lands, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1061 (H.R. 6602)*, To reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1062 (H.R. 6507)*, To amend the Oil Region National Heritage Area Act to reauthorize the Oil Region National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1063, Part 1, (H.R. 3400)*, To promote innovative approaches to outdoor recreation on Federal land and to open up opportunities for collaboration with non-Federal partners, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1064, Part 1, (H.R. 4506)*, To provide incentives to encourage tribal job creation and economic activity, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1065, Part 1, (H.R. 5874)*, To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to improve the recruitment and retention of employees in the Indian Health Service, restore accountability in the Indian Health Service, improve health services, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1066, Part 1, (H.R. 2987)*, To amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to establish the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps to place youth and veterans in national service positions to conserve, restore, and enhance the great outdoors of the United States, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1067, Part 1, (H.R. 5859)*, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require that a portion of revenues from new Federal mineral and geothermal leases be paid to States for use to supplement the education of students in kindergarten through grade 12 and public support of institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1070, Part 1, (H.R. 3593)*, To amend the Wilderness Act to authorize U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct certain activities to secure the international land borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1071 (H.R. 5727)*, To establish the San Rafael Swell Western Heritage and Historic Mining National Conservation Area in the State of Utah, to designate wilderness areas in the State, to provide for certain land conveyances, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1081 (H.R. 3990)*, To amend title 54, United States Code, to reform the Antiquities Act of 1906, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1082 (H.R. 6652)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to the Kennewick Irrigation District, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1083 (H.R. 6771)*, To amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1086, Part 1, (H.R. 2425)*, To support the establishment and improvement of communications sites on or adjacent to Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture through the retention and use of rental fees associated with such sites, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1087 (H.R. 3535)*, To restore Federal recognition to the Ruffey Rancheria of California, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1088, Part 1, (H.R. 6510)*, To establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Indian Education, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1089, Part 1, (H.R. 6255)*, To amend title 18, United States Code, to establish measures to combat invasive lionfish, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1091 (H.R. 502)*, To permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

*House Report 115–1092 (H.R. 6939)*, To protect and ensure multiple use and public access to public lands in Wyoming per the request of the respective counties, and for other purposes.

*House Report 115–1104 (H.R. 5025)*, To amend the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act to limit the imposition of penalties against a person fishing on a United



States flag fishing vessel in certain areas of the Pacific Ocean based on a report by an observer on such a vessel.

*House Report 115–1105 (H.R. 6355)*, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to define petition backlogs and provide expedited means for discharging petitions during such a backlog.

## APPENDIX VI

### DISSENTING VIEWS

The Activity Report of the 115th Congress documents Committee Republicans' failure to address the nation's most pressing environmental challenges, including climate change and its dramatic impacts on American quality of life. Over the past two years, Committee Republicans pursued a narrow, highly partisan agenda that prioritized fossil fuel industry demands over the public interest and conservative ideology over science and common sense.

Committee Republicans failed to devote sufficient attention to what should have been clear priorities, including the rebuilding of Puerto Rico, the protection of endangered species, the overdue transition from fossil fuels to sustainable energy resources, the economic future of Indian Country, and oversight of the leadership and policies of the Department of the Interior. The Land and Water Conservation Fund, an uncontroversial program with nearly unanimous public support, expired on their watch for the first time in the program's history. The Committee Majority's record in the 115th Congress is one of misplaced priorities, missed opportunities, and failures of leadership.

Below, in detail, our Dissenting Views to the Activities Report highlight these failures issue by issue. We look forward to charting a new, more productive and more inclusive path forward in the 116th Congress.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL LANDS

During the 115th Congress, the Subcommittee on Federal Lands routinely failed to protect irreplaceable American landscapes, while providing virtually no oversight of the current Administration. These failures have undermined public lands protection and imperiled some of our most treasured resources.

Rather than addressing the multi-faceted values of public lands, landscapes whose protection is routinely supported by a majority of Americans, the subcommittee chose to elevate the voices of anti-public-land minorities and extractive industry interests. Even in the rare instances when the subcommittee addressed the most pressing concerns for public lands, the Majority's agenda focused on undermining foundational conservation laws rather than upholding protections for landscapes.

As a demonstration of the Majority's unwillingness to tackle complex issues that impact everyday Americans, the subcommittee failed to explore the impacts of climate change on our public lands. Climate change poses a recognized threat to national parks, forests, and public lands, yet when evidence was presented that the Trump administration altered findings on how climate change will impact

national parks, the Majority took no action. There is ever-increasing evidence that climate change will have severe negative impacts on the American economy and our ecosystems. Therefore, the subcommittee ought to have considered the impacts of this threat as well as opportunities to enhance carbon sequestration on public lands.

Similarly, amid a destructive and costly wildfire season, the subcommittee failed to support science-based forest management or acknowledge the impacts of climate change on wildfire activity. The subcommittee instead chose to highlight and push forward legislation that would undermine bedrock environmental protections and turn the management of publicly-owned forests over to private industry demands. Forest management is a complex and pressing issue, but the solution is not an increase in industry giveaways.

The subcommittee ignored the Trump administration's illegal attack on National Monuments, which included a sham review process that flagrantly discounted public input and exhibited clear conflicts of interest. Instead of addressing these concerns, the subcommittee chose to cast aspersions on the value of the Antiquities Act, a law designed to protect historical landmarks and unique landscapes. Such an abdication of responsibility demonstrates the Majority's lack of concern for publicly-owned resources.

One of the few significant bi-partisan accomplishments of the 115th Congress was a deal between Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva to permanently authorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund. While this was a bi-partisan accomplishment in an often-contentious Congress, even this compromise only came after the Republican Majority allowed authorization for the Fund to lapse for the second time in two years.

Throughout the 115th Congress, the Majority pursued an anti-public lands agenda. They supported legislation to undermine land management and elevated the voices of groups who oppose Federal land ownership. This is irresponsible behavior for a legislative body with jurisdiction over America's national parks, forests and public lands.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

During the 115th Congress, the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources failed in its responsibility to hold oversight hearings on the issues most concerning to the American people and failed to craft legislation in response to the pressing energy and mining challenges that face our nation. Instead, and without hesitation, the Republican-led subcommittee emphatically supported the Administration's pro-industry "energy dominance" agenda and consistently downplayed the impacts that unrestrained oil, gas, coal and mineral development has on public health, the environment, wildlife, and our climate. While the subcommittee found plenty of time to hold oversight hearings on ways to reduce public input in decision-making and rush fossil fuel development on public lands, it did not have a single hearing exploring the adverse impacts that can result from fossil fuel development. Over the last two years, the Majority, determined to favor fossil fuel and mining interests above all else, has ignored critical issues like the human health effects of mountaintop removal coal mining, the toll of meth-

ane emissions on public health and the climate system, the disastrous consequences offshore oil spills can have on coastal economies, and how America's antiquated hardrock mining law benefits mining companies at the expense of the American people and the environment.

In addition to disregarding these significant policy issues, the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee abstained from one of the most central duties of Congress—rigorous oversight of the executive branch. Since Secretary Zinke took over in early 2017, the Department of the Interior (DOI) has demonstrated utter contempt for DOI's mission and responsibilities, and the subcommittee has turned a blind eye towards Interior's rampant corruption, cronyism and frequent rejection of scientific facts. During the Obama Administration, the Majority issued a number of subpoenas and consistently brought Interior Department officials before the subcommittee, often on extremely flimsy pretexts. Under this Administration, the Majority's appetite for aggressive oversight vanished, despite an extensive number of issues that deserve detailed investigation, including: the Secretary's elimination of Florida from the new offshore oil and gas leasing program via tweet; the rush to permit seismic testing and issue oil and gas leases in the Arctic Refuge after curtailed environmental reviews; the cancellation of a National Academy of Sciences study on the health impacts of mountaintop removal mining; the severely imbalanced membership of the Royalty Policy Committee; the demand by the Secretary and Deputy Secretary to review a U.S. Geological Survey resource assessment ahead of its release, which led to the resignation of two senior scientists in protest; and numerous other issues.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER, POWER AND OCEANS

In the 115th Congress, Committee Republicans failed to hold oversight and legislative hearings on key issues such as climate change, ocean acidification, trophy imports, wildlife trafficking, management of coastal resources, environmental impacts of the border wall, seafood fraud, drought, and access to clean water by communities and tribes.

Instead, they passed multiple bills to undermine important protections for fisheries, wildlife, and ocean resources. For example, House Republicans turned the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) into an effort to advance their anti-conservation priorities by proposing language that takes the science out of fisheries management and guts conservation measures. Democrats have proposed legislation that would reauthorize MSA while keeping core conservation provisions intact, providing more opportunities to partner with fishermen on research, and taking advantage of new technologies for data collection and monitoring. However, the Democratic alternative was not given a hearing, and the only piece of legislation that passed the Committee was a Republican bill that would take us back to the dark ages of overfishing and economic depression.

In addition, Republicans led more than 100 legislative efforts this Congress—bills, amendments, and riders—to delist individual species or otherwise undermine the Endangered Species Act (ESA). These efforts would drive American fish and wildlife to extinction

and rob Americans of their natural heritage and rich biodiversity. While most Republicans say they want to “reform” or “modernize” the ESA so that more species can be removed from the list, the reality is that they want to eviscerate the Act, delist species one at a time, or get rid of ESA altogether. The ESA has not been reauthorized in more than 25 years and budget cuts have delayed species recovery efforts. We should be working together to find ways to recover species more quickly and keep others off the list in the first place. Unfortunately, GOP congressional majorities are continuing to push for the weakening of ESA.

Committee Republicans also failed to hold oversight and legislative hearings on the recent epidemic of drought that has cost the nation’s economy billions. Climate change is expected to make future droughts more frequent and severe, but instead of supporting legislation that will build climate resilience and increase the water supply for all Western water users, Republicans have focused on redirecting scarce water supplies toward a select group of preferred water users. For example, House Republicans jammed through the House a divisive drought “response” bill (H.R. 23) that would take scarce water away from some regions, tribes, and the environment and redirect it to big agricultural water users. Republicans must be willing to work with Democrats to develop a plan that will grow the water supply for all stakeholders and abandon plans that solely benefit big agricultural industries at the expense of the environment and other water users.

Several Democratic bills were introduced in the 115th Congress that would provide immediate and long-term drought relief by promoting innovative desalination technologies, water recycling and reuse, groundwater recharge, stormwater capture, reduced evaporation loss, and increased water conservation through improved reservoir operations. Despite repeated requests, Republicans did not permit a single hearing on any of these bills.

Committee Republicans also continued to ignore the many American communities lacking clean drinking water because of deficient or nonexistent water infrastructure. For example, many Native communities across the United States still do not have access to reliable water sources, clean drinking water, or basic sanitation. Instead of addressing these issues, Committee Republicans have instead imposed unnecessary red tape and restrictions on the Committee’s ability to consider bills that advance tribal water projects. The so-called “Bishop process” continues to require affirmative approval by the Office of Management and Budget before the Committee can even schedule a hearing on a tribal water bill. The House Natural Resources Committee should no longer be a roadblock for Indian water projects and must start supporting the federal government’s trust obligations to provide reliable water supplies to Indian country.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDIAN, INSULAR AND ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS

##### *Carcieri Fix*

It has been almost a decade since the Supreme Court’s *Carcieri* decision, which unwound 75 years of agency practice, created a two-tiered system for federal-tribal relationships, and jeopardized

the ability of tribes to rebuild their communities through economic development, yet the Republican majority has taken no action to address the issue. Republicans would rather use this issue as a political football in their quest to redefine tribal sovereignty, as well as to stall economic development on Indian lands. Democrats have consistently supported a simple “clean” fix to the *Carciere* decision that would amend the language of the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) to reestablish the Department of the Interior’s authority to take land into trust for all tribes, simply reaffirming what the drafters of the IRA intended all along.

#### *Tribal Consultation*

Tribal consultation is the process by which federal agencies consult with tribal governments when federal activities have tribal impacts. The requirement for federal agencies to engage in tribal consultation is not a matter of law but rather is mandated by an Executive Order that has been reaffirmed by successive presidents. House Republicans have repeatedly ignored Democratic requests to update federal policies and ensure tribes are consulted before activities on affected land begin. H.R. 2689, the RESPECT Act, introduced by Ranking Member Grijalva, codifies standard consultation procedures for all agencies to follow and provides recourse for tribes when agencies violate their consultation obligation. Republicans have refused to move the bill, first introduced in 2011, out of Committee. The GOP continues to question the need for meaningful tribal consultation, and instead sides with private developers often at odds with tribes.

#### *Tribal Recognition*

Federally recognized tribes have a government-to-government relationship with the U.S. and are eligible to receive certain protections, services, and benefits by virtue of their unique status as Indian tribes. Therefore, formal recognition is extremely important and valuable to a tribe’s economic and social condition. The Secretary of the Interior’s authority to acknowledge the existence of Indian tribes is deeply rooted in the laws passed by Congress and the structure of the Constitution, and it must remain an available path for tribes seeking federal recognition. The GOP has repeatedly put forth legislation that would strip away this authority and stipulate that only Congress has the authority to recognize Indian tribes. Congress should strive to ensure that all tribes are finally and fairly given the recognition they are due rather than putting up more roadblocks to the process. Democrats believe taking the Department of the Interior’s acknowledgment process away and leaving an Act of Congress as the only option will result in further delays and difficulties for tribes. Worst of all, it will leave tribal recognition decisions vulnerable to political whims and special interest influence.

#### *Insular Areas*

The 115th Congress continued the recent trend of scant focus on Insular Areas’ challenges except for the debt crisis faced by Puerto Rico. All the territories face serious economic challenges and very high debt loads because Congress has failed to replace outdated in-

centives that were necessary for economic growth. Relatedly, because the islands are not eligible for full funding under federal health care programs, their government resources are drained from the high cost of health care for their residents. If these concerns aren't addressed in the near-term, we could face the potential for fiscal collapses similar to Puerto Rico in each of the other territories. Additionally, the effects of climate change were front and center in the Insular Areas, notably in the form of two catastrophic hurricanes devastating the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico and the strongest typhoon on record to make land on U.S. soil wreaking havoc in the Northern Mariana Islands. We expect that these challenges will be more robustly examined in the next Congress.

#### *Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations*

The first two years of the Trump administration presented countless opportunities for the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee to challenge the lack of accountability and transparency in agencies under the committee's jurisdiction. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke alone is the subject of at least 17 publicly-known investigations. However, Republicans failed to hold a single hearing investigating his or any of his leadership team's ethical transgressions.

They also failed to address the single issue that impacts nearly everything within the committee's jurisdiction: climate change. They neglected to investigate the influence of the fossil fuel industry on decision-making at the Department of the Interior (DOI). Instead, Republicans held a hearing to support the industry-backed decision to weaken DOI under the auspices of an agency reorganization, despite the absence of a comprehensive plan or analysis indicating the need or prudence of doing so. No DOI representatives were asked to attend the hearing, revealing Republicans' disinterest in conducting proper oversight of this reorganization. Democrats have continued to demand a plan or analysis demonstrating the need for this re-organization.

Republicans failed to hold any hearings spotlighting DOI's ongoing and significant issues with sexual harassment, despite Democrats' two hearing requests and a related Democratic committee staff report. They also did not address or even acknowledge the Trump administration's numerous, well-publicized attacks on sound, objective science at DOI, particularly climate science. These attacks include retaliatory personnel actions, pressures to change scientific reports, censorship of communications materials, cancellation of politically unfavorable studies, and political review of scientific grants and conference attendees. Democrats remain committed to ensuring that science in federal agencies remains free from political influence, and have sent DOI multiple letters and document requests regarding these incidents.

Rather than address these critically important issues, Republicans wasted the majority of their oversight efforts on repeatedly pursuing the unfounded claim that bedrock environmental laws are impeding management of our public lands. In the only subcommittee hearing held in all of 2018, Republicans fanned the flames of anti-immigrant rhetoric by blaming migrants for environmental destruction of the U.S.-Mexico border. In doing so, they bla-

tantly ignored the severe and long-lasting consequences of the Secretary of Homeland Security's sweeping authority to waive all laws and legal requirements when building roads and barriers along the border, including environmental, public health, and safety laws. Democrats will continue to question this waiver authority and will conduct oversight of its devastating environmental, social, and economic impacts. As Democrats prepare to assume the Majority in the 116th Congress, these issues among others will be top priorities of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

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